

Kirche 75 Jahre alt.

Ev. St. Pauls Kirche hat aus Anlaß
des Jubiläums eine Reihe von Fest-
tagen vor sich.

Festtage für die Ev. und Ref. St.
Pauls-Kirche an der Ecke der Jewel-
und Norton Straße sind die Tage
vom 26. Sept. bis 10. Oktober, denn
in dieser Zeitspanne wird das 75jäh-
rige Gründungs-Jubiläum dieser
Kirche, deren Seelsorger Pastor El-
mer S. Hoefer ist, gefeiert werden.



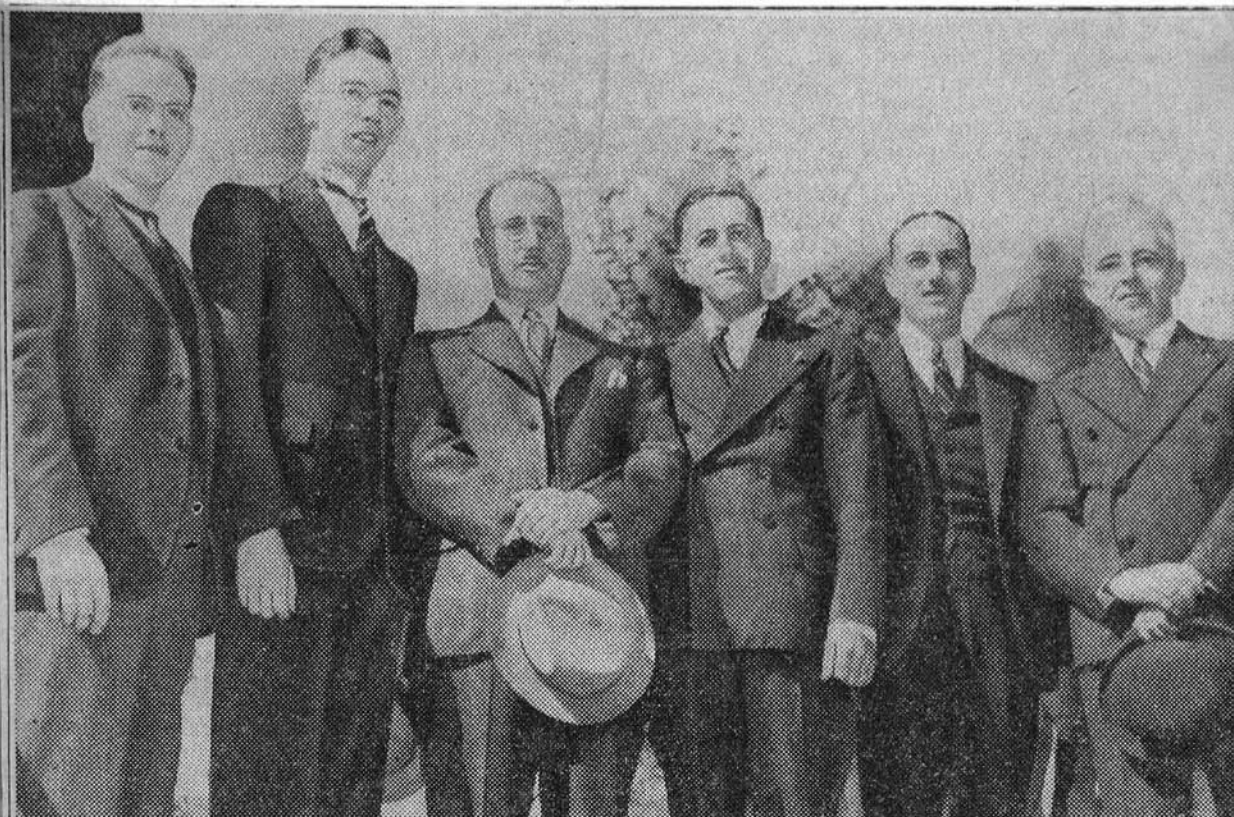
Pastor Elmer S. Hoefer
von der Ev. St. Pauls-Kirche.

Eine Reihe von besonderen kirchlichen und weltlichen Veranstaltungen werden dem Charakter des Jubiläums Rechnung tragen.

Morgen früh wird Pastor Hoefer als Predigtthema „The Backward Glance, the Outward Reach and the Forward March“ behandeln, am Abend Pastor Ralph Philbrook von der St. Lukas-Kirche aus Auburn predigen, die Kirchenjugend bei der Liturgie mitwirken. Pastor Paul Zeller aus Auburn, der beim Silber-Jubiläum der St. Pauls-Kirche in 1887 ordiniert wurde, und Pastor William C. Walch, der in diesem Jahr seine Weihe in der Kirche empfangt, werden in kurzen Ansprachen gehört werden.

Die St. Pauls-Kirche ist die zweitälteste evangelische Kirche der Stadt, deren Gründungsjahr 1862 ist. Die damalige Kirche, unter dem Pastorat von Pastor J. J. Conradi, wurde auf dem Terrain der Unitariierkirche in der N. Fishugh Straße errichtet, 1896 bedeutend erweitert und 1922 nach der jetzigen Stelle verlegt, wo Pastor Richard Stave als erster Seelsorger waltete, Pastor Hoefer seit 1929 amtiert, der der erste Pastor der Kirche ist.

Church Officers See Fruits of 75 Church Years



Three quarters of a century of service to its members and the community is being celebrated by St. Paul Evangelical and Reformed Church. Participating in the programs are, from left, the Rev. Elmer H.

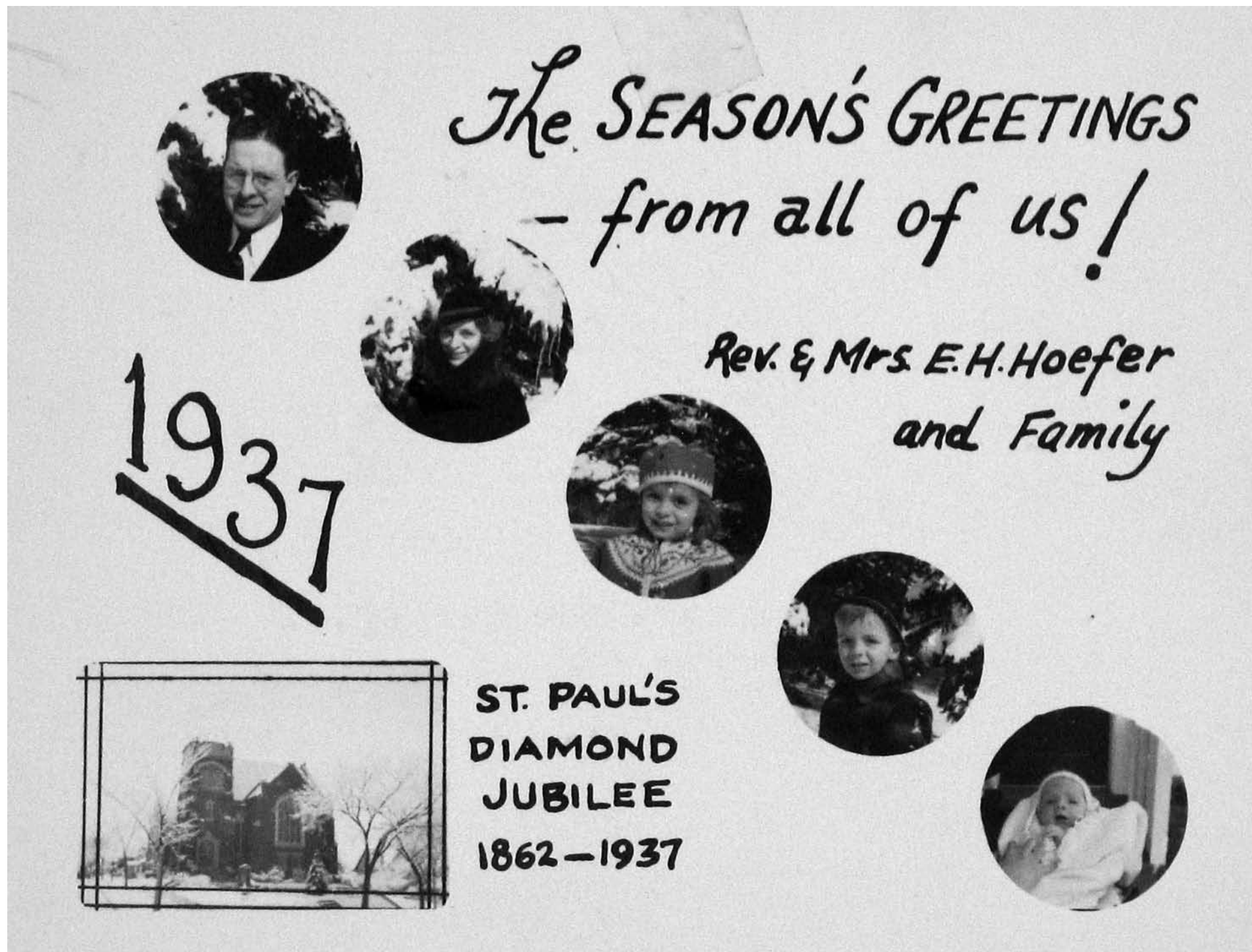
Hoefer, pastor; the Rev. William E. Walch, Vicepresident Arthur Schwab, Secretary Rudolph Kolb, Treasurer William Lohler and President John Bareis. St. Paul Church is on Norton Street at Jewel Street.

St. Paul Evangelical Church to Hear Pastor

St. Paul Evangelical and Reformed Church, the Rev. Elmer H. Hoefer, pastor, tomorrow will hear a sermon by the Rev. Fred Oberkircher, pastor of St. Paul's Church, Erie, Pa. The Rev. Mr. Oberkircher was pastor of St. Paul, Rochester, at the time the 50th or golden anniversary of the church was observed.

St. Paul, Rochester, is now celebrating the 75th anniversary of its organization. The Sunday School tomorrow will conduct its anniversary rally, with former members and the members of Evangelical and Reformed churches as guests. In the evening the Rev. Paul M. Schroeder, pastor Salem Church, will preach, and other pastors of

the denomination will participate in the service.





HOEFER

FAMILY

HISTORY

RECORDED FROM THE MEMOIRS OF

REV. HENRY HOEFER

PASTOR FOR TWENTY-FIVE
YEARS, OF SALEM EVANGELICAL & REFORMED
CHURCH, HIGGINSVILLE, MO.

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HOEFER FAMILY HISTORY

REV. HENRY H. HOEFER, was born Sept. 25, 1936 in Lippe-Detmold, Germany. His birthplace was a "Bauerngut", i.e. a medium-sized farm, called "Hof", meaning, estate, yard, or grove. So according to custom, the owner was called "Hoefer", as we would call the occupant of a grove, "Grover". The region had it's pleasant features. It was somewhat hilly, with intervening valleys, fields of grain and pastures, timber of oaks, birches, beechwoods, cedars and pines, with pastures lying between on which herds of sheep and cattle were visible. The soil was fertile enough to afford a livelihood for diligent and thrifty workers. Yet quite a few had to seek employment through six months of the year in other communities, to earn their livelihood as brick and tile workers. The Hoefers were fortunate, not to belong to that class of working people, since husbands and fathers had to be away from home much of the time. Farther south were timber-clad mountains where, in the Teutoberger Forest in 9 A.D., the valient Herman, called the "Cherusker", led his forces of Teutons against Varus and the advancing Romans, thus saving northern Europe from bondage. A fine monument was erected in the Teutoberger Forest, near Lemgo by grateful posterity.

The children of Herman and Charlotte Hoefer were -- August, Charlotte, Minna, Herman, Henry and Charles. None of the family were too robust physically, so numerous diseases struck members down repeatedly and Minna died at the age of 14 years.

Bistrup belonged to the "Almena" charge (congregation). The Church was about two miles from the farm, and the children were all baptised and confirmed there. In 1850 an Evangelical Pastor, Rev. Emil Steffan organized a church in Lemgo ten miles away. He was pietistically inclined, and the Hoefers were drawn to him more than to the "rational-alistic" pastor of their home church. Ministers were then assigned to churches somewhat like public school teachers here, not subject to the approval or vote of individual members, for they were supported by church-taxes collected by the government.

So it happened, that Henry was sent to the village of Leise for religious instruction and was confirmed in Lemgo in St John's Church in 1851 by Pastor Steffan. The younger brother Charles, was also confirmed by this pastor.

The whole life of the family changed in 1854 when thoughts of immigration to America were entertained. In 1852, Adolph Wehrmann had made the trip to America. He had worked for the Hoefers many years and endeared himself to the family so that he was accepted as a son in the home. He wrote that he wanted Charlotte to become his bride. She accepted on the condition that he come and get her. Adolph complied, arriving in Lippe at Christmas-time. In March, the wedding took place. Soon afterward the couple journeyed to America with brother Herman accompanying them, thereby escaping the three year compulsory military service required of all young Germans. This custom had been thoroughly disliked by pious people, including the Hoefers.

When Herman Hoefer and Adolph Wehrmann came to Missouri, they searched for a favorable place for their families to settle down. They came to a town in central Missouri, scouting around with alert eyes, and saw sale-bills posted in conspicuous places offering "bucks"(negro slaves), and "black-snakes"(rawhide whips), to beat slaves with.

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They at once decided "not here!" We cannot live in a community where such abominations are tolerated!" So they moved further to the southwest, living there until slavery was finally abolished during the Civil War. Later they returned to central Missouri for a few years until they felt inclined to join other relatives who had moved into Lafayette County, Missouri, frequently called "God's Country" because of it's rich, fertile soil, making it known as the "garden spot" of Missouri.

Alas, many adversities had to be endured in their new location, especially during the first year when a very dry summer almost ruined the crops. Yet, despite such reports to the folks in Germany, Henry Hoefer entertained thoughts of following them to America, in order that he might also escape military training and sink his roots into the land of freedom and boundless possibilities. He had frequently expressed the desire to become "a soldier of the cross" and to enter the Christian Ministry.

So preparations for his voyage were made. Then, the mother became sick, weakened in body and spirit by the thoughts of her departing family. A cancerous growth had been removed from her upper lip by an operation sometime previously, but the poison seems to have entered her whole system. At times she lay in bed for hours, weak and feeble, but she would rally again and attend her household duties as much as she was able. Under such conditions it was very hard for Henry to leave home. But youthful enterprise spurred him on "hoping for the best" The "wunderlust" impelled him to leave Germany and join relatives in the lauded land of America. He wrote, "Mother knelt with me as was her custom, in fervant prayer, commending me to the gracious Lord's guidance and direction, feeling that we would never see one another again in this world but upheld by her faith in a happy reunion in the land of pure delight, where there would be no parting but an abiding fellowship with our Lord and Master forever".

At this time the thought was entertained that the "Hof" should be sold and the whole family would move to America. It was however decided that it would be best that Henry should leave at once. His parents accompanied him to the station Ruhberg about five hours from Bistrup. There his parents bade him farewell. His brother August accompanied him to the seaport of Bremen. There he saw for the first time the tumultuous life of a large city. On Sunday he saw many church-goers heeding the call of the church bells, but business also took it's usual course. A small steamboat took them to Bremenhafen at the mouth of the river Weser. Several other Lipppers also came to see him off.

On the sailing vessel "Diana" he crossed the ocean bound for New Orleans, La., He writes "The voyage of seven weeks went off satisfactorily. While other ships leaving Bremen soon after ours encountered storms and were wrecked on sand-bars, ours experienced only one strong gale, and that came from the East, and so hastened our crossing. Seasickness was overcome without much trouble. Finally the coast of America hove into sight amid much rejoicing. A pilot climbed aboard our ship. The next day, Nov. 15, a coast liner towed our ship and two others to New Orleans. A few days later a river steamer took us up the Mississippi towards St. Louis. We landed there in early December 1854. On Dec. 7, we were taken in horse drawn wagons to Hopewell in Warren County, Mo., where dear relatives awaited us.

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At Holstein, not far away, Rev. Reiger greeted me, and encouraged me to enter the Seminary near Marthasville, Mo. On Jan. 2nd 1855, accompanied by my brother-in-law, Adolph Wehrmann, I rode to the Seminary on horseback. Director Binner welcomed me and directed me to the Pastors Nallau and Wall of St Louis, members of the Seminary Board. I made the trip via Augusta and Union, Mo., there I also met Rev. Will, then pastor of St Paul's Church, St Louis. From there I walked to St. Charles, where Rev. Baltzer was pastor at Friedens Church. Later on I became acquainted with Rev. C. Bode of Femme-Osage, one of our pioneer pastors. Upon my return to the Seminary I was enrolled as a student. Together with fifteen others I tried to do justice to the various branches of study, such as Exegesis, Dogmatics, History of the Church, Greek, Latin, Hebrew, German and English. We wrote essays and sermons, during our final year, practiced preaching. How the moments flew. At eighteen and a half years, I was the youngest student there! I recall S. Kuhlenhoelter, L. Haeberle, Christian Haas, H. Buchmueller Kirschman, A. Schori, F. Drewel, A. Fausel and other students. If my work was not of the best, yet it proved satisfactory and after examination and tests, I was recommended for ordination. At the district conference held in St. Peter's Church, St. Louis, Mo., I was ordained in 1858 and sent to Posey County, Indiana to take charge of Zion Evangelical Church which selected me as Pastor. During my first year I lived alone in the small parsonage. In 1859 I went from the Synodical Conference held in Louisville, Ky., to visit my relatives in Warren County Mo., and there found my helpmeet, Miss Minnie Schnieder, who shared joys and sorrows with me through the succeeding years. Being physically strong, she was able and willing to take over the various tasks falling to a minister's wife in America. Rev. Rieger performed our wedding ceremony on July 15, 1859 in the presence of relatives and friends. We traveled homeward via St. Louis, Vincennes and Evansville, stopping with Rev. Lenschau in Evansville, pastor of Zion's Church there. He took us twelve miles west of Evansville to Tersteegen and remained our friend and helper in many ways. For seven years we enjoyed our life and ministry there, the Lord granting the necessary strength for the various tasks in church, school and homes. The members were receptive and peaceful. In 1860 the nearby St Paul's Church affiliated with our Zion Church, whereby our income as well as duties were increased. Later, a parochial school teacher was employed and a new school house erected. Brother August Hoefer then bought a farm three miles from our home and moved there with his family in 1860. During that fall our father who was with us died suddenly. He so missed his wife who had died in Germany, and could not adjust himself to the new environment. He felt very homesick and so welcomed the end of life. He lies buried near Evansville. In 1863 Mr. Freitag, father-in-law of August Hoefer, also died. Other reverses also had to be borne. "Intermittant fever" had bothered me during my first year in that swampy region. Again and again it attacked me, causing liver complications and gall fever, so that my doctor advised a change of climate before it would be too late. I made a trip to north Illinois, visiting a friend at Freeport where I felt much invigorated. Not long afterward I received a call from St. John's Church in Freeport being recommended by friend Kampmeyer. During these years at Lippe, Indiana, three daughters were born to us; Johanna, 1860; Maria, 1862; and Lydia, 1865. All three grew nicely and brought much joy into our home. But the departure from "Zion" proved harder than we had expected. So much love and devotion had been shown us, and the charge too had grown considerably. To leave brother August and his family proved an ordeal too. Parting brings sorrow was true indeed. But we had to go through with it. We journeyed northward at the end of February 1866. The winter had been rather mild

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no sharp relapse in health was anticipated, but it did come. As we passed north from Vincennes, Ind., big snow drifts blocked the road. North of Sandoval it grew much colder. Soon our train was blocked by a freight, snowbound. Food soon gave out, and men had to go afoot to the next town to get the necessities of life. This lasted three days. So, instead of Thursday we reached Freeport on Sunday. I took part in the morning service in the church and spoke to the evening congregation. Our household goods were arranged in the parsonage during the week. Our neighbor, Rev. Kroenke, Rockrun, Ill., installed me the following Sunday, assisted by Rev. Buchmuller and Rev. Jung, neighbors and friends. The reception by members of St John's church was very cordial. The congregation numbered about a hundred families at that time. Morning worship services, Sunday-school, etc., were well attended. On the Sunday evening and Bible meetings on Wednesdays, fairly well, considering the busy time of the workmen and conditions of roads. Spiritual life was evident, so I felt encouraged in my work more and more. I had plenty of work to keep me busy. So the first year passed pleasantly, our only concern was caused by the illness of two daughters. When in the spring of 1867, diphtheria entered our home, real worry came again. Johanna, aged 7 died April 16; Lydia followed on the 23rd and Marie on the 26th. All taken from us in 10 days. Was that heartbreaking! Oft times Mother would say: "It seems as though the sun has ceased to shine." Life is so dreary and dark."

But on May 2nd, our home was blessed with twin daughters, whom we christened Meta and Anna. Mrs. Freitag, grandma, acted as sponser on Pentecost Sunday. Anna died after two months, Meta died in Higginsville Mo., at 16. Her trip to her grandmother was changed to a trip heavenward.

Congregational life in Freeport proceeded quietly but it's membership was transitory, for many members, after working several years, saved sufficient money to move westward, buying farm lands in Iowa, Minnesota and Missouri. Sincere friendship was tendered us right along, especially during the time of the sickness and death of our children. In 1869 a son was born to us but his mother was seriously stricken soon after his birth. Her recovery was doubtful, yet she survived and resumed her strength, praise God!

The sharp north winds of that area proved disagreeable for me too. Colds caused coughing, sore throat, and in 1868, pneumonia, both lungs being affected. During the next spring I was forced to spend several weeks in south Indiana to recover from my lung trouble. In 1870 the same thing befell me again, so that I felt constrained to resign my charge, in order to move southward into more suitable climate. It was in May that we moved to Lafayette County, Mo., People were real nice to us and we were saddened by the thought of bidding them farewell,

In 1869, my brother Herman and brother-in-law Adolph Wehrman, had moved from Warren County into the vicinity of Higginsville, Lafayette County, Mo., on account of the fertile soil of that region. They, together with a few other families, soon decided to organize a congregation and call it "Salem". I was called to become their first pastor and I accepted, though seven families could hardly support a pastor with a family. In autumn we moved stopping enroute in Warren County where my father-in-law, Christian Schneider lay sick unto death, dying October 22, 1869. Cholera had raged in that region some years leaving tragic traces in many homes.

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Upon arriving in Higginsville, I conducted services in which Maria H., daughter of Herman and Elizabeth Hoefer was baptised. She was their fourth daughter. We made our home with brother Herman and family temporarily. Higginsville had been surveyed as a town, had a store and a postoffice, but the railroad had not been completed, and, after a favorable county vote, necessary funds were provided so that it was completed in 1872.

After residing near Higginsville, several months, the deacons from St. John's church, three miles east of Concordia came, asking me to take charge of their dwindling congregation. After looking over the place an agreement was made that I preach there every other Sunday. We hesitated to move there because of a diphtheria epidemic in the vicinity. But, when in September assurance was given that the dreadful disease had abated, we consented to move into the old log house. Little did we think we would live there seven years. Not long after our coming, the disease broke out anew. Our son, Willie, was stricken and died.

The dilapidated old parsonage was symbolic of the congregation at that time. Organized in 1850 under the leadership of Dr. Welsch, it later had been served by "rationalistic preachers", and disruption of the group ensued. A flock without a shepherd could not prosper. Then a Lutheran preacher tried to pull the group into his narrow-minded synod. His efforts however were resisted by the faithful adherence of the faithful members of St John's. Yet, in spite of such adverse conditions and sad experiences my health revived. The exercise and open air, the response of the people, the encouraging prospects of Salem in Higginsville, soon proved beneficial for me. The horseback rides from place to place, at times even to Lexington, thirty miles away, were made regularly. The services of Salem were held in a public school house during 70 and 71. In Autumn, 1871 the church building in Higginsville was completed and dedicated with the assistance of Rev. Feil, then pastor of St. Peter's church in Kansas City, Mo. For three years the two charges were thus served by me, teaching parochial school eight months of the year. Beside these duties, I added the pastorate of Bethel in Concordia, three miles from our home. In the fall of 1873 the church building of Bethel was dedicated with assistance of Rev. Pfeiffer of Pilot Grove.

Confirmation pupils from Higginsville and also from Concordia were our boarders through those years.

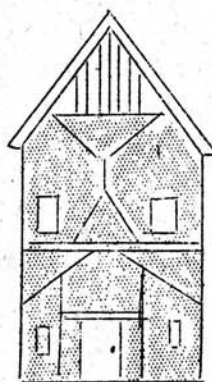
In the autumn of 1873 Rev. F. Drewel was called to Salem, more families having moved there, so that, Salem could support a pastor and his family. Brother Drewel also served Lexington and Napoleon, farther west, organizing churches there. In 1877 he and family moved to Napoleon, doing missionary work in Wellington and Levasy, still farther west. He died in January 1898. Bethel in Concordia had now become self-sustaining and had called Rev. F. Frankenfeld as pastor. I had again become feeble despite a new parsonage erected by St John's, so I willingly accepted a call from my former charge in Higginsville. In September 1877 we moved back to that town. St John's was then served by Rev. W. Gaertner for the next six years.

Daughter Meta, though she had survived the diphtheria which had stricken Willie, remained very frail. In 1871 Theodore was born, who also had to endure an attack of diphtheria in his third year. On January 31, 1876 Emelia was born, and so five of us came as a family group to Higginsville where we felt much at home because of the number

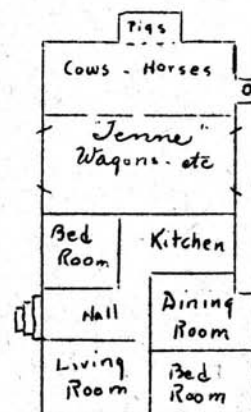
Map of Germany locating Lippe-Deimold from which the Hoefer family migrated in the 1840-1850s.



A typical "Lippe" Farmhouse.



*End-View of House -
Beams - Brick - Mortar.*



*As drawn by Rev Elmer H Hoefer
when visiting in Germany in
1926.....*

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of relatives living there. Town life also afforded many more conveniences than we had had in the country. Rev. Drewel installed me in Salem. To have so many relatives in one congregation as I had then, three brothers and a brother-in-law all living within a mile of town was quite unique. "A prophet counts little in his own country, Jesus said" But since our relatives always tried to lead a "good life", ever setting good examples, and we trying to be impartial in all matters, no irritations resulted. As a rule, one brother was a deacon, another organist and a brother-in-law Sunday-school Superintendant. Even later when two brothers-in-law from Mother's side of the family came into the Church there was no dissension. From year to year the congregation grew in numbers and efficiency, so that at the end of my pastorate one hundred families belonged to Salem. Salary was increased gradually from \$300 to \$600 the last few years. In 1890 a nice parsonage was built. The church building was replaced by one of brick in 1882. In 1894 a new school house, with annex for confirmation instruction was erected. Our Theodore had been elected parochial school teacher in 1892. In 1903 the present structure was built, including a pipe organ, and basement, S. S. rooms etc., Thus, we enjoyed many blessings of God's grace during the twenty-nine years of service, though adversities also befell us from time to time. We sing "In our joys, and in our sorrows." Both should work out for our betterment according to God's will.

In 1876, brother Herman, the strongest of us all physically, had a fine wheat crop on his farm. Heavy rains fell so continuously, that no harvester could be used to gather the crop. So he went to work with a scythe, overdid himself in the hot summer weather, began to fail in health, and much to our sorrow passed away in February 1877. He left a wife and six small children.

Our John was born Feb. 10, 1878. Martin came to our home on Nov. 28 1880. 1886 brought a serious loss in the death of Adolph Wehrman. Brother August died in July 1887. He had driven to town in the morning went to bed in the evening and died that same day. Thus many good members of Salem were carried to their last resting place during the years of my ministry. I recall some here; Fred Starkebaum, Fred Ernst, August Starkebaum, Herman and Henry Meinersaghen, Fred Hasenjaeger, Herman Tempel, William Meinersaghen, also his grandson, teacher, Wm. G. Meinersaghen, Lydia Nolting, Grandmother Meinersaghen, and in 1903 her aged husband. On Memorial Sunday 1903 Pauline Hoefer, daughter of Herman and Elizabeth whom we had adopted as a companion to Meta, and provided with the necessities of life through all these years until she had married Henry Fieth, was called hence, leaving a husband and five children. William Niemann, husband of Mary (another daughter of Herman and Elizabeth Hoefer, who lived with us for many years before as well as after her widowhood) died leaving his wife and son who was much in our home too.

Serious reflections came when the sons of our home had to be sent to college to be trained for their life vocations. Our Theodore, apparently not strong enough to stand up under the strain of the seven year seminary course, took training to become a parochial school teacher at Elmhurst Pro-Seminary. Hardly had he completed his course when Salem extended a call to him. He taught here more than two years, aiding me in various ways. Salem enjoyed real "team-work" through those years, God blessing our efforts beyond expectation. In August 1894 Emma Meinersaghen became his faithful helpmeet. Happy days were enjoyed the old parsonage having been renovated into a home for Theo and Emma. A daughter born in 1897 passed away soon after birth, so again joy and sorrow came and went.

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Since there seems to be less need for parochial schools, Theodore was encouraged by the President of the West Mo., District to prepare for the ministry under the direction of Fred Klemme and a board of examiners. The strain of the double work was not easy but with the help of the Lord examinations were satisfactorily passed. In 1901, followed by ordination on June 17, in Salem Church. For another year we continued to work together, but when in 1902 a call came from Hartsburg, Mo., we thought it best that I retire from the active ministry and Theodore accept this call. On June 17, 1903 Theophil was born in Hartsburg.

In 1893 I accompanied John to Elmhurst. The World's Fair was being held in Chicago and we took that in with much pleasure and profit. Following six years of preparation in Elmhurst and Eden, St. Louis, John was ordained in his home church too. He was pastor in Norborne, Mo., for his first two years, his sister Emelia being the housekeeper. When Bethel, in Concordia became vacant a call was extended to him which he accepted. Having found a congenial helpmeet in Hilda Holke the young couple established their first home in Concordia in 1902. On March 28, 1903 came Elmer causing happiness as well as increased duties of home life. Following seven years in Concordia, a call came to Manheim, Ill., so John and Hilda, Elmer and Laura (1905) became residents of Greater Chicago.

Martin spent six years in our seminaries, being ordained to the ministry in 1904. His first field of labor was Braziko, Mo. Several years later he took a special course at Hartford, Conn., after which he took a church in Arcola, Ill. Soon after his marriage to Ida Buensing of Concordia, Mo., the grim reaper took the faithful wife from his side, to the utter grief and sorrow of all. "Mysterious are the ways of our God"

Our daughter Emelia became the bride of Rev. Gottfried Bode, the wedding taking place in our home church, Higginsville, in the fall 1901. Shortly afterward the happy couple took charge of Emmanuel Church in St Louis, Mo. Adele was born, August 24, 1902. Clara a year later, then Erwin and later on Paul and Helen,

Beside our numerous children, and those we took in during school terms, we also gave a home to two orphan girls. One was Bertha Arndt whose mother had died when Bertha was four years of age. After growing to young womanhood, she became the bride of Ernst Schowengerdt, son of a deacon of Salem. They moved upon a farm, prospered through the succeeding years, later moving to Mayview, Mo., where they took active part in Zion Church, also founded by me. It was served as a sub-charge from Higginsville, until it became self-sustaining. Whereupon it was served by Rev. Wm. Buehler husband of Emma Hoefer, a daughter of Herman. They served this church more than twenty-five years. Three children were born to the Ernst Schowengerdts.

Jennie Albers came to us as a ten year old girl, whose mother had died young. The two were of the same age, but with very different temperaments, so that it was no easy task to bring up our children through the years of adolescence. Jennie married William Koenig, an energetic farmer, son of a good member of Salem. After their wedding in 1902, they moved to a farm, south of Mayview, reared three daughters and two sons all of whom are respected citizens of the community. One daughter of the family now lives in California.

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In 1902 an attack of pneumonia had again weakened my system considerably. How good that Theodore was my assistant so that we could keep the work of Salem going. The twenty-fifth anniversary of Salem Church was celebrated in 1895, and my fortieth anniversary as minister of the gospel was observed by my grateful charge in 1898. At the time of my retirement in 1902 special services were again arranged by the members of Salem. They had secretly invited my friend Inspector L. Haeberle, of Eden Seminary as the main speaker. Neighboring pastors also spoke at the afternoon and evening services. A gift of seventy dollars was given me, and an additional thirty dollars to Mother as signs of gratitude and appreciation. Those were joyful days, long to be remembered. Yet, everything has it's time and we knew that it was time to retire for us. Rev. N. Rieger was chosen to be my successor and I installed him in Nov. 1902. We then moved in with our son John and Hilda, both feeling the weight of our strenuous life. In Concordia I took time to jot down reminiscences of by-gone years. May such be of interest to our posterity, informing them of their forebears and the places of their activity.

The cough which had bothered me ever since the double pneumonia attack in Freeport, Ill., many years ago, bothered me more and more sapping my strength and hastening my end. God's will is also mine, as "All things work out together for good for them that love God". After a few years when Mother's strength had somewhat returned we moved back to Higginsville into a house near the park in the northeast part of town(Theodore writing) Father preached now and then when Rev. Rieger had to serve elsewhere. In various ways he manifested his continuing zeal for God's kingdom, even attending conferences regularly. The parental home was ever a haven for us children. We visited there as often as circumstances permitted. For five years our parents lived in serenity and peace, aiding us with problems that confronted us in our churches, praying for us and our children and for all who labored in God's kingdom. All four children now lived in parsonages. There were six grandchildren now....on May 6 1908 Grandmother was suddenly called home by a heart attack after suffering for months with a broken hip. Soon afterward Father made the rounds, visiting all the children. In July he came to Marthasville. I took him to visit the ~~Emmaus~~ ^{Emmaus} ~~Homes~~ on the former Seminary grounds. This was very interesting for him though the hills were steep about this hallowed place. He visited the grave of Inspector Irion and the new church building. Much did he enjoy that visit to his Alma Mater of 50 years before. A few days after that trip he began to fail again. His cough troubled him anew and the doctor's efforts proved in vain. Father wished to follow his helpmate who he missed so much. During the last ten days his brother Charles and we four children all came for a last visit. He fell asleep after a session of fervant prayer, quietly and without a struggle. He sleeps in Jesus, blessed sleep, from which none ever wakes to weep. After a short service led by Supt. C. F. Sturm, Father's body was taken to Higginsville to the home of his brother Charles and laid to rest on August 21, 1908 from the church which he had helped build. The pastors Umbeck, Limper, O. Press, W. Buehler assisted Rev. Rieger at the funeral services and at the cemetery.

Christ had been his life, so death his gain.

"A NATIVE'S RETURN"

An account of a visit to the ancestral home of the HOEFER FAMILY, in Lippe-Detmold, by Rev. Elmer Henry Hoefer, son of Rev. John A. Hoefer, son of Rev. Henry Hoefer. The visit was made in 1926, or 72 years after Grandfather Hoefer migrated from Germany to America, while he (E.H.H.) was an exchange student from Eden Seminary, St. Louis, to Berlin, and Tuebingen Universities. The narrative as follows is taken from a diary written while in Lippe-Land.

A spur-rail-road connects Dortmund with Detmold, Lage and Hoerstmar. Latter was my destination. Transferred at Detmold, and took an old "chugger" that did not travel much faster than one could run. The scenery was beautiful...green hills, babbling brooks, herds of sheep and cattle visible in every pasture. The train was crowded with picnicking youngsters, who laughed, shouted and sang, much to the annoyance of the older passengers. I exchanged tricks with them, such as clapping ones hands and alternately grabbing a nose and ear. They wanted to hear all about the Indians, and were disappointed that I had never seen any with a belt of scalps around their waists..

In the village of Hoerstmar I asked directions to the home of William Ritter, an uncle of Rev. August Ernst. The Ritters lived in a typical village house. Old, but substantial, the stable was attached to the house much after the manner of New England. Mr. Ritter heard poorly, and walked with a crutch and cane. His sister had been confirmed by Pastor Steffan in St. Paul's Church in Lemgo. He recalled the Legge and Hilker's sheep barn where the first services were held. In the area-way between living quarters and the barn, but under the same roof, hung numerous scythes and flails such as have been used by farmers for centuries. The houses are substantially built of beams, brick and mortar. The barn-yard is kept clean, so that one does not notice any odors in the living quarters.

My impression of all the folks I have met thus far, is that they are simple kindly people, whose Christianity consists less of thinking but of doing kind deeds to their fellow-men. They took me in as a long-lost son of the family. Mrs Ritter was a Ritterbusch. Her sister was the mother of Rev. August Ernst. She said that they had gone to America when Rev. Ernst was but a youngster. One of her brothers lives in Grastrup,...the others are all dead. We sat up late discussing family history. The Ritters had nine children, of whom four are living. One daughter lives in Detmold. Another, Martha, is at home. A son, Carl, lives in Hoerstmar and follows the photographic profession. Also has some talent in drawing and painting. His three sons carry the names of Ernst, Ulrich, and Jobst. The younger son lives in Mannheim, where he is a merchant. Mrs Ritter carries on the pietistic tradition, having organized a Bible Class which meets in her home every Wednesday evening, and numbers between 40 and 50 people. Her only wish for herself and her children, is that they may ever be faithful to their Lord and Master. She asked that I remember them in my prayers, and said that they would do the same for me, praying that God might use me as an instrument of blessing, even as he had used the remembered and revered Pastor Steffan. At midnight we retired. I was shown into a small guest-room, where the only cover was a mountainous feather-bed in which I almost smothered on this warm summer night.

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On August 27, I borrowed a bicycle, and, armed with pencil and notebook, camera, a "Wurst-Broetchen" (Sandwich) and a map, I started out for Bistrup and the old Hoefer homestead. The highway led through the village of Lime, and Rhine. I turned off the main road onto an grass-grown wagon road that led through a thick pine forest. It twisted and turned so that I was frequently lost, but, the kindly farmers and their women folk, who were busy in the fields, would direct me right again. Wooden shoes and "chauffeur" caps are seen on many of the school boys. The "Bauer-Hoefer" are kept very clean. The whole countryside shows thrift and industry and prosperity. The hills encircle the fields like fortress walls. I could see the statue of Herman the Cheruskan, holding aloft his sword of liberation, in the distance. Finally I could see the rugged stone tower of the Bergkirchen church, which was my destination. Bergkirchen lies on a knoll about 1/2 hour's walk from Schoetmar. The church tower is of stone, but the church proper is of typical beam-brick-mortar construction. Surrounding it is a cemetery. I spent some time wandering about in the church-yard, reading names familiar from Steffan's "Blatt aus der Liipischen Rose". Pastor Steffan himself, born in 1814, died in 1905 at the age of 91 years, lies buried at the edge of the cemetery near where the forest begins. His grave is marked by a black stone cross. It is covered by oleander and rose blooms so that only the inscription at the top could be readily seen. I read, "Matt: 10:32, Whosoever confesses me before men, Him will I confess before my heavenly Father". It was a lovely, quiet spot, so I sat down and meditated. Here lay a man whom I had never known, but who, indirectly may have been the cause of my entering the ministry, and perhaps also, that I was born in America. He influenced grandfather Henry Hoefer during the confirmation years, and laid the seeds of his desire to enter the Christian ministry. Two generations later, here was I, in Germany, continuing my pursuit of theology. Such were the thoughts that marched through my mind while seated here. Pastor Steffan, the minister of the Bergkirchen church told me, had founded St Paul's Church in Lemgo, and afterward this village congregation. St Paul's later separated again when the church building became too small for the large congregation.

The parsonage and school are near the church. Former is surrounded by a beautiful garden. The minister and his wife are very young. He showed me some of the church records in which the baptisms, confirmations, weddings and funerals were recorded. The Hoefer name appeared frequently. Grandfather Hoefer is recorded under the name "Heinrich Frederich, Wilhelm Kuhfuss", M. Hoefer, M. Meyer, Son of the "Halbmeiers" Johanne Herman Kuhfuss, or Hoefer and Charlotte Wehrmann M. Korsmeier of Malmershaupt. Born Sept. 25, 1836. Johanne Herman Hoefer was married twice as was also his father Johanne Herman Kuhfuss. Both had numerous children. With these alternate names and because of the confusion with a Hoefer-Sprick on another estate, I decided that to get a family tree complete would require at least another week, which I did not have at my disposal. The grandfather of the present owner purchased the farm from great-grandfather. His name was Meier. But his descendants are all called Hoefer-Meier's. So the name of a "Hof" often attached itself to the name of the new owner. This makes the study of the family tree so confusing. The oldest Kuhfuss I met knew no more than that in the long ago some Kuhfuss'es had migrated to America. The 70 year old goat-herd told me that his father had been a stable-boy with Johanne Hermann Hoefer who went to America with his family. The oldest records are no longer in the possession of the church but are kept in fire-proof archives in Detmold. The pastor said this

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had been one of the good things instituted at the time of Napoleons brief reign over this region.

I had used up so much time, that I decided not to go on to the Hoefer Homestead to-day, but instead, "biked" back to Hoerstmar. The return ride took only 1-1/2 hours. In the evening we continued our talks. Mrs Ritter showed me some of the fine heavy linens which are the pride of the Lipper women. She asked whether I had noticed the fresher inscription at the base of Pastor Steffan's grave-marker, indicating that his son, a doctor at Bethel-bei-Bielefeld, was also buried there.

ROSENGARTEN was the name of my next objective. It lies an hour's walk from Hoerstmar on the way to Lemgo. Mrs Ritter came along. We passed many lovely houses. Beams are of stained oak, mortar is painted white. Windows often light shades of green. Over the doors of most homes a Bible verse had been carved. Fruit trees, belonging to the villages, line the roads. Mother Ritter says, "God gives the tramp something to eat when he is hungry, wandering along the road". White goats grazed along the roads. Not an auto passed us all morning. At Rosengarten we asked for the Ernst family. Only one was still here, and she, a widow, had married a Werhahn. She received us cordially, asking whether any of the Ernsts' in America might write her sometime. She often thought of them, she said. Of her nine children by her first husband, only one remained, and since her husband was the only son of that branch of the Ernst family, she feared that the family might die out unless her little son, then quite frail, would grow to manhood.

On the walk home, we stopped to speak with several farmers in the fields. They were cutting grain with scythes, and the women folk were binding it into sheaves. Instead of "Morgen", "Scheffel-saat" was the acreage term used here. Latter was about 2/3 of a Morgen in size. They told us that in former years living conditions had been better, for then the men would work in the tile-yards during the winter months. Returning home, I put away three eggs, fried potatoes, several sausage sandwiches, and tea. I was starved! Yet Mrs Ritter at 68 had walked without complaint, all day.

LEMGO

Next day we took the train to LEMGO. It is a lovely little city with paved streets, tree-lined avenues and parks. Kraht, a wealthy linen manufacturer has a mansion here. A cemetery near the park showed a huge stone tower, all that remained of a church that was destroyed during the Napoleonic wars. The tower serves as a bell-tower for nearby St John's Church. The latter church is a plain, stone structure with a small tower in the center of the roof. Up the street a little way was the spot where the old Hilker Sheepstable once stood, and where the Evangelical Church was organized. An old-maid grand-daughter of Shepherd Hilker, mentioned in Steffans book, is still alive. A group of buildings adjoining the church dated from the time when they served as a Minorite monastery. The Legge, or place where the linens were marketed, was in this old monastery. The buildings are to-day used as an Old Ladies' Home! A Pastor Toelle is now minister in St. John's. He showed me some of the church records, and tells that the seriousness with which the people in former days took their religion, led to frequent "splits" in the churches, which united again after a generation, when the causes of the conflict were forgotten. Pastor Toelle knows our Evangelical "Friedensbote" and is a personal friend of Pastor Schirnecker, a Lemgo son, who is now in Kirkwood, Mo.

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Pastor Toelle has read "Blatt aus der Liipischen Rose", and says that Rev. Steffan had a remarkable phantasy and imagination. That he applied even events in nature as having significance for his own life and ministry. His wife was almost as gifted with phantasy as he, and literally adored him. Rev. Toelle relates that once when the old pastor preached, and he mentioned the "Devil", his wife afterward insisted that she saw lightning flash under the pulpit. With such "Gifts" one can readily understand his power over people, and especially his influence over early adolescents. He must have made the Bible and its miracles live for his hearers.

A half-hour's walk brought us to Heitkempen, where we were shown the house where Rev. August Ernst was born. Many happy recollections of days spent in his home in Webster Groves, Mo., were recalled. The present occupant of the home is a skinny bald-headed little German named Hagemeister, whose complaint is that he should have gone to America. Taxes in Germany were so high that he could hardly make a living, he said. Judging by the untidiness of his place, and of his mountainous wife, one wonders whether taxes would not be hard for him to gather together anywhere. Grandmother Rehmer, bent with age, says that her husband bought the place from the Ernsts. She tells of the losses suffered in this village because of the war. Many men never returned. One little fellow of 12 or 13 played nearby. His father lost his life in France, and his mother became insane with grief.

Returning to Lemgo, we looked up a Mr. Kuhlman, a devout Bible Class teacher, whose occupation is a broom-maker. He too had lost a son in the war. He told us of a homeopath, Dr. Hoewer who lives nearby. Latter, however did not recall the Hoefer family in Bistrup.

The effects of the inflation are noticeable here too. One farmer, a man named Rickhoff believed that land represented more real value than money. He bought out numerous small farmers during the inflation, who were beguiled by the big money they could get for their land. Now Rickhoff owns a farm of 4-500 Morgen. Showed me his electrically lighted barns, and full-blooded stock. His horses are mammoth. He priced them at 1000 to 1400 Mk. We talked war, politics, theology, and conditions in America. He served in France and believes that in hygiene and in farm management, the French are at least 50 years behind that section of Germany. My little experience would corroborate this. Rickhoff is particularly interested in Canada, and has a well-stocked library on the subject. He berates the spinelessness and inferiority complex of the Germans, coupled with their stubbornness in dealing with one another, on the other. It is a losing combination in his estimation and explains the failure of Germany in many respects.

Sunday-August 29: Slept hardly a wink all night. A wedding dance was in progress in the inn across the way, and kept fiddles and dancers going until seven this morning.

Mrs Ritter and I went by train to Lemgo to attend the services in the Marien Church there. A young theological candidate preached a sermon on "Christ, the Good Shepherd". There were few young people at worship.

The afternoon was spent in Barntrup with the Aunt of John Fluke, a Mrs Laufhager. She is a widow with five children, and has quite a struggle to manage her little farm profitably. She was very hospitable. John and I had an interesting conversation on our experiences in these parts.

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Monday-August 30: Borrowed a bicycle, and took it with me on the Post Wagon which took me to the village of Alverdisen. From here I set out for the old Hoefer Homestead. Road is good, but the country is rolling. Saw boys leading flocks out to pasture, and imagined that if it had not been for Grandfather deciding to go to America, this might be what I would be doing to-day.

From the Church, XII Century tower, it is about $1\frac{1}{2}$ kilometers to the Hoefer homestead. It lay on a hill-side with a large woods to the back, and has a sweeping view to the north and east. Two large house-barn combinations still stand, though the Maiers, who now own the place and who are known as Hoefermaiers, taking over the name of the farm owner from whom they bought the place, live in a newer dwelling. Mrs Hoefermaier tells than when her father-in-law bought the place, there were 350 Morgen land, and nine horses. Now the estate has but 200 acres and four horses. Her sons are now running the place and she admits it is not managed as well as when her husband was living. There is an old goat-herd on the place who says that his father was Stallknecht (Stable-Boy) for Johann Herman Hoefer. He remembers his father saying that he had heard that Herr Hoefer did not like it in America, and died an untimely death because of homesickness.

I spent about an hour looking about the old buildings and making a few sketches. Over the main door-way, carved into the foot-square oak beams one can read the names of the people who erected these buildings. One was built by Great-Grandfather Hoefer as the inscription and "Segenspruch" show. "Mit Gott Gebaut" - Johann Herman Hoefer and Charlotte Wehrmann. Usually a portion of the money that made the new building possible, and into which the eldest son moved when he married came as a dowery from the bride. That of Charlotte Wehrmann helped make possible the erection of the last of the buildings of the Hoefer regime.

It was late afternoon when I mounted my bicycle and started for Bartrup, about 15 km. away. I would not have the benefit of a Post-Wagon ride on the return journey, so I had to peddle fast. It was dark when I reached home and a night's rest on a soft bed was a welcome climax to an interesting and eventful week.

The next day I got a train to Hamel, from whence to Hanover, and then on to Berlin....

Senator Brooks spoke to Gab convention
 7 men present / 89-103 years.
 Battleground of Republic "Glorious Hall of Fame"

Founders Day
 Pioneer Sunday
 Forefathers Day
 Timers - Choir

Sermon - "There is the Glory"
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(X) Man who wanted to know what heaven like.
Minister said, judge by Door- Jesus

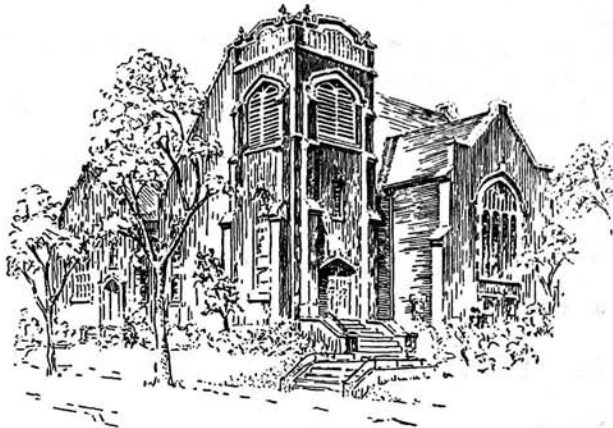
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Sixth Sunday after Easter
Exaudi Sunday

May 25, 1941 "Old Timers and Founders Day" 10:30 O'clock

PRELUDE - "Chanson-d'Orgue" Webb

Chimes

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Pastor: "I will sing of the mercies of the Lord for ever:

People: With my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations.

Pastor: For I have said, Mercy shall be built up for ever:

People: Thy faithfulness shalt thou establish in the very heavens. *let us join in the affirmation of our faith in God & in*

The Invocation and the Affirmation of Faith - I (inside rear cover of Hymnal) *The manifold revelations of His Nature & Love.*

The Gloria Patri (435)

HYMN - No. 18 "O For a Thousand Tongues"

CALL TO PRAYER:

Pastor: "The Lord be with you.

People: And with Thy spirit.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Pastor: The Lord's name be praised,

People: Both, now and forever more."

The PRAYER - a period for Silent Petitions -

Choir Response

→ The Reading of SCRIPTURE: St John 15:26-16:4
Choral "AMEN" (P. 23 Hymnal)

Children's Sermonette -

Mr. Elsesser

HYMN - No. 225 "How Lovely Shines the Morning Star"

Notices

The OFFERING: (a) Choral Invitation to the Fellowship of giving.
(b) "On Wings of Song" - Mendelssohn

ANTHEM - "Hark, Hark, My Soul" - Shelley
The Old Timers Choir

Silent Meditation and the Reading of the Text: I Cor.

SERMON: "Thine is the Glory" 6:20

Prayer

HYMN - No. 247 "Faith of Our Fathers"

The Benediction

Chimes

Postlude

St Paul's Herald:

1. Altar Flowers have been placed in memory of Mrs Elizabeth Beaven, by her daughter Mrs Fuller.
2. All who have reached the 3 score-and 10 (70th) birthday, or who have been members of St Paul's 50 years or more, are requested to sit in the center pews. Today we are honoring the founders and long-time members of St Paul's. Our thanks to the Old Timers Choir for bringing us the message in song today.
3. Mr. Elsesser is with us for the last Sunday, today. After two fruitful years, in which we have greatly enjoyed his fellowship, and benefitted by his talented leadership, our student minister will sever his connection with St Paul's. We thank him for his cooperative spirit, and wish him well for the future. Mr. Gideon Zimmerman will probably be the student-minister next year. He also is a student for the ministry at the Rochester Seminary.
4. Congratulations: Richard Lowe and Katherine Stephany Emich were united in marriage yesterday afternoon, with the pastor officiating. We also extend cordial good wishes to Lt. Edward Stephany and Arline Eckert, who were married yesterday.

Next Sunday - Pentecost & Communion

5. ✓ Monday: St John's Home Board

Tuesday: 6:30 at Immanuel Baptist Church (opp. Park Ave Hospital) the annual meeting for Week Day Religious Education. S.S. Teachers are invited. Parents who have not yet signed the petition for their children to receive religious instruction for credit this fall, are asked to do so at once! Enrollment figures so far: Catholic 2700; Protestant 600, Jews 250.

X → Wednesday: - Last of the monthly Church-and-Family Friendship Circles. There will be a report of the West N.Y. Synod meeting which convened last week in Buffalo. Sound movies will be shown for children and adults. Will YOU come and invite your friends. Make this the largest and best of the season's mid-week family-nights

Wednesday: 7:30 Choir Rehearsal.

Every Wednesday and Friday night at Maple YMCA, our church will be represented in the Inter-Church Baseball League. Attendance is free. Many supporters will bring many victories.

6. The Brotherhood Annual Steak Dinner will be held at the Fred Loeb home on Leroy Island, Sodus Bay, June 7. Make reservations soon, men.
7. The S.S. and Church picnic will be held at Bedches Pavilion, Webster Park, following the worship services on Sunday, June 22. Bring your basket dinner.
8. Summer Vespers will be held on our Church Lawn before the Friendship Altar during the Sundays of July, with pastors and choirs of north side church participating. Time 7:30.
9. Wednesday: 8 p m. Ruth Guild will meet at the home of Mrs R. Kolb, 33 Navarre Rd

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INFORMATION PLEASE! To make the ministry of our church more effective, will you please check the information below which should reach the pastor? Tear off and place in the offering plate, or hand it to the pastor or one of the deacons at the close of the worship.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> I am a visitor today. | <input type="checkbox"/> I desire to unite with St. Paul's. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I desire offering envelopes. | <input type="checkbox"/> New address. <input type="checkbox"/> Call requested. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Illness in the home. | <input type="checkbox"/> Memorial Altar Flower. |

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

**Dr. Frankenfeld Presides
at Service Tomorrow;
Reception Wednesday***

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

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

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

The Rev. Mr. Hoefer comes to the church with an unusual background for his work. He was

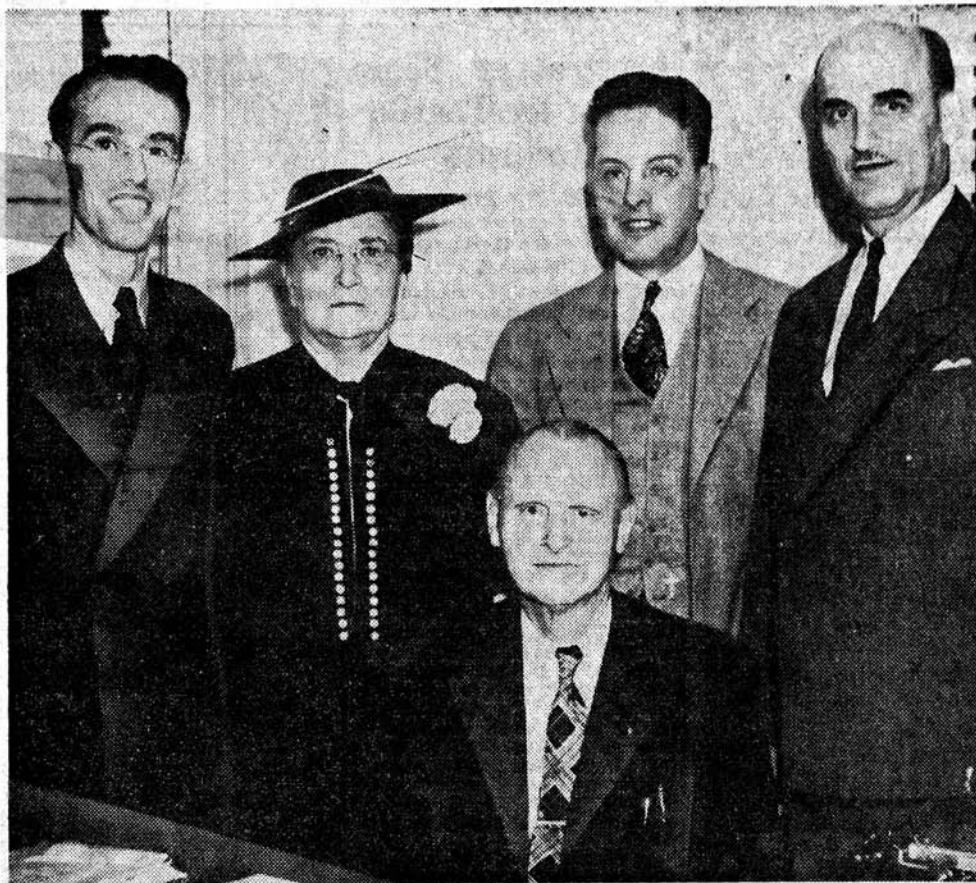


REV. ELMER H. HOEFER

LE, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1938

Young Folk in Preparation for Year

Youth Leaders Lay Plans for Lakeside Retreat



Discussing the annual United Youth Conference Retreat at Camp Keenan next weekend are, seated, Prof. George E. Eddy, and

standing, from left, the Rev. Thomas M. Steen, Mrs. Mary G. Dann, the Rev. Elmer H. Hoefer and Prof. Gustav A. Lehman

Work of Church To Be Studied By Youth

Monroe Avenue and West Avenue Methodist Episcopal churches will conduct their annual united youth conference retreat next Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 9-11, at Camp Keenan, on the lake shore near Barker. Enrollment for the retreat is approximately 125.

The Rev. Thomas M. Steen, associate minister of Monroe Avenue Church, is conference director. He will be assisted by Mrs. Mary G. Dann, religious work director of West Avenue Church. Interest groups will discuss all phases of church work, under the general theme, "Temples Still Undone."

Discussion leaders include the Rev. Elmer H. Hoefer, pastor of St. Paul Evangelical and Reformed Church; Prof. Gustav A. Lehman, of Colgate-Rochester Divinity School; Dr. Paul S. Heath, president of Auburn Theological Seminary; Prof. George E. Eddy, principal of Washington Junior High School; the Rev. J. Wesley Searles, pastor of Kenmore Methodist Church; Leon Whitlock, of Children's Court; George DeForest, of Central YMCA, and Miss Clarice Bowman, Chicago youth leader.

Topics to be discussed will include "Christian Citizenship," "Music and Worship," "Race Relations," "Education," "World Peace," "Delinquency and the Children's Court," "Recreation" and "The Early Christian Training of Youth."

There will be drama programs and a communion service, with Ho

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Aug. 22, 1937

13th Sunday after Trinity

10 O'clock

PRELUDE

Chimes

Call to Worship No. 57

"O worship the King, all glorious above,
And gratefully sing, His wonderful love;
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise." Amen.

The Invocation and Lord's Prayer

HYMN - No. 307 "O Jesus, Our Salvation"

Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 130

Special Music

Gospel - St Luke 11:15-25

Responsive Call to Prayer

Pastor: "Seek ye the Lord, while He may be found.

People: Call ye upon Him while He is near.

Pastor: Make known your desires to Him.

People: And He will satisfy the spiritual needs of our souls."

The PRAYER

Hymn Response (Tune 443)

"Hear, O Lord, our humble supplications.

Accept us, O Lord, for Jesus' sake." Amen.

Church Notices

OFFERTORY

HYMN - No. 94 "O Son of Man"

Meditation

The SERMON: "God, You and I" Psalm 128:1,2

Pulpit Prayer

Benediction

Doxology

Silent Prayer

POSTLUDE

A N N O U N C E M E N T S

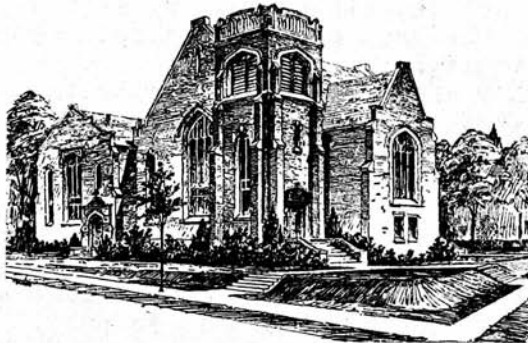
1. Last Sunday some stones came up from the bottom of Lake Ontario, the contribution of the church council to the Friendship Altar. We need many more to complete the task. Have you brought yours?
2. In order that the anniversary booklet may be complete with names of donors and amounts of offerings, your anniversary gift should be paid in by Sept. 12, if at all possible. Ralph Boss, of the anniversary finance committee will be in Class Room 1 after services each Sunday.
3. Due to the fact that there is no extension phone at the parsonage at 26 Navarre Road, and since a number of callers have hung up after three or four rings, it seems advisable to suggest that you allow a little more time to elapse before believing that the pastor is not at home.
4. In Memoriam:

A faithful deaconess, a long-time member of the Altar Society and a sister in the Ruth Guild has been taken from us in the passing of Mrs Emma Zimmer. God grant that the spirit of loyalty and faithfulness manifested in these good members of our church may find embodiment in the younger members of our congregation. To the bereaved family, especially the daughter Marguerite Weis, and husband Henry Zimmer, we extend our Christian condolence.

The pastor also served as messenger of hope in the bereavements of the families of Philip Miller, Trinity Church, and Anna Casper, St Paul's Lutheran Church.

May loved ones left behind find strength in the faith of the Savior who gave us such precious promises to lift our spirits in the hour of trial.

5. Wedding Bells: Miss Ruth Blensingher of Keeler St., became the bride of Edson Lee at a marriage service performed at the home of her sister on Thomas Ave. We wish these young people every fulfilment of their heart's desire.
6. Reminders:
 - a) Tickets for the Anniversary Banquet, Sept. 29, are available from Mrs R. Kolb.
 - b) Men's Retreat - Sept. 11 and 12 at Dunkirk Conference Grounds.
 - c) Leaguers Annual Convention at Dunkirk over Labor Day.
 - d) District Women's Union Convention meets in Dunkirk Sept. 15 and 16.
 - e) Altar Society Meeting, 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 2.

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| | <p><i>"God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son; that whosoever believeth in Him shall have everlasting life."</i></p> | |
| | <p>St. Paul Evangelical Church</p> <p>Norton Street, near St. Paul ROCHESTER, NEW YORK</p> <p>• • •</p> <p><i>This Church Seeks to be a Shrine of Devotion • Of Spiritual Inspiration and of Practical Service</i></p>  | |
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Sunday - Septuagesima

January 31, 1932

10:30 o'clock

"Unless we can learn the supremacy of spiritual farces, the pall bearers that have carried out other dead civilizations, wait at our door."

PRELUDE - "Meditation"

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InvocationCall to Worship:

Pastor: "I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth."

People: My soul shall make her boast in the Lord: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.

UNISON: O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together."

The "Gloria Patri"The "Apostolic Creed"HYMN - #16 "Come let us join our Cheerful Songs"Ascription of Praise:

Pastor: "Fret not thyself because of evil doers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity."

People: For they shall be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb.

Pastor: Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.

People: Delight thyself also in the Lord: and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

Pastor: Commit thy way unto the Lord: trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.

People: For the arms of the wicked shall be broken: but the Lord upholdeth the righteous."

HYMN Response #44 - "Come Thou Almighty King"Call to Prayer

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And with Thy spirit.

Pastor: Let us come before the Lord in spirit and in truth.

People: Let us bow in gratitude before the Lord,
Our Maker."

The PRAYERChoral Response #440ANNOUNCEMENTSOFFERTORY - "Poeme" Fibich

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Junior Anthem - "The Great and Holy City"Sermonette - "Two Boats"

The Scripture Lesson - Psalm 14, I Thessalonians 5:8-26

HYMN - #277 "Help us, O Jesus"Prayer MeditationSERMON: "Sub Specie Aeternitatis" Psalm 14:2Pulpit PrayerBenedictionDoxologyPostlude

7 - The United Council Meeting was well attended, and the fellowship it afforded should make us more and more co-operative in advancing the cause of our Synod. Just now the "Elmhurst-Elm" Advance looms large in importance. All Evangelical people who have Christian education at heart, should want to pledge the minimum - \$5 a year for 5 years. We hope that many will not only want to, but be able to do this bit.

8 - Lincoln Birthday - A Big Day for St Paul's 4:30 afternoon - Community Prayer service for children. Every Junior and Intermediate pupil of our S. S. should be present to pray together for the Cause of Christ.

6:30 P M - Father & Son Banquet. Jesse Ogden - speaker.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1 - The Church Council will meet Wednesday evening. Elder, Deacons and trustees will meet as separate bodies at 7:30 o'clock sharp, to organize within their respective groups, and that the newly elected may be informed of the duties of their office. At 8 o'clock the entire council will go into session. Space did not permit the recording of the names of our new councilmen last week: They are:

Elder: William Krase displacing Louis Schaeffer
 Trustee: August Sabs " Oscar Stephany
 Deacons: Wm Ofslager, Rudolph Kolb, Alfred Nicholas
 displacing

Geo Hoffman, Wm Lehle, Earl Gommenginger.

We thank these men who have served the past three years for their loyal and sincere services.

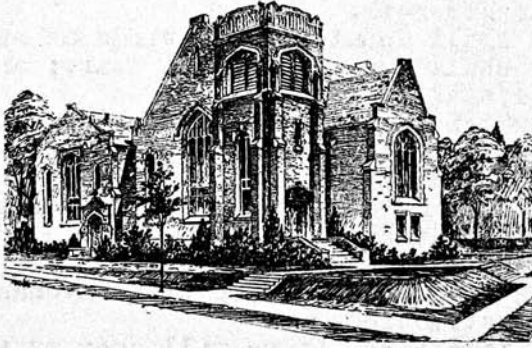
2 - MEN: who want to keep abreast of the times, and who appreciate the opportunity to meet with other kindred-minded men are urged to avail themselves of the Thursday evening lectures held at the Central Y. M. C. A., at which some of the leaders of thought in our day will present challenging information.

3 - The Lenten Season will soon be here. It is a period of special devotion. The spiritual values of life are given emphasis as at no other period of the church year. There has always been an increase in church attendance, which one hopes is indicative of the renewed love the telling of the Story of the Cross evokes. We shall welcome a number of guest speakers to St Paul's pulpit at the mid-week services. They will all have a message from God for us. Plan to attend every midweek service, so that the House of the Lord may be filled.

4 - TUESDAY: 2:15 PM - Mother's Club under the leadership of Mrs Fred Willkens. All members are urged to be present.

5 - THURSDAY: 2 P M - Altar Society. We invite every woman of the church, particularly those who are not yet members. Come, Pay us the courtesy of a visit, even if you do not care to join. Remember our 1932 goal, - serving in as many organizations of our church as we have number of hands.

6 - Next Sunday Night - the last of our informal Evening Worship Services. The Drama-Sermon is "Abraham Lincoln", based on Dr. Griffith's film. Marjorie Benz with associates from the Eastman School will be in charge of the music

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III Sunday after Epiphany

January 24, 1932

10:30 O'clock

PRELUDE - "Andante" (from Orfeo) GluckInvocationCall to Worship:Pastor: "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."People: And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable, and perfect will of God."The "Gloria Patri"The "Apostolic Creed"HYMN - #248 "Courage Brother"Gems from Scripture:Pastor: "They that wait upon the Lord, shall renew their strength."People: They shall mount up with wings as eagles, they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."Pastor: For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day."People: Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me."Pastor: All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies."People: Now, therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people."HYMN Response #44 - "Come Thou Almighty King"Call to PrayerPastor: The Lord be with you.People: And with Thy spirit.Pastor: Let us come before the Lord in spirit and in truth.People: Let us bow in gratitude before the Lord, Our Maker."The PRAYERChoral Response #450ANNOUNCEMENTSOFFERTORY - "LaReve" (The Dream) Massenet
(The Homilope will be read by the pastor, after which the offering will be received. As the deacons bring the offering to the Altar, the congregation rises, while the choir sings the response #448)ANTHEM - "By the Waters of Babylon" HowellThe Scripture Lesson - Psalm 89:1-6, 11-16, 21-24, 34, 37.HYMN - #254 "Who is on the Lord's Side"Prayer MeditationSERMON: "The Covenant with God" 11 Chronicles 29:10
Pulpit PrayerANTHEM - "Create in me a Clean Heart" HarkerBENEDICTIONDOXOLOGYPOSTLUDE

 #5 (Cont'd) at which about 100 were present. It was a splendid meeting, in which Faith and Courage rather than the despondency of our times, was reflected.
 #6 - The Annual Printed Report of our Church will be given you as you leave this morning. Save this report, and note that guests preachers will occupy our pulpit at the midweek Lenten services. The Pastor will preach at the first and last of these services. We begin on February 10, 7:45 PM.
 7 - With the end of January, the \$20,000 debt campaign of two years ago, officially comes to a close. Every effort should be made to pay up pledges if possible. Realizing the unusual situation in these days, we say, "We trust you to do your best, as soon as you can." Our experience has been, that in St Paul's 95% of the pledges are as good as gold-bonds, so we are not worrying, even though only 75% of the pledges have been redeemed to date.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1 - TONIGHT 7:45 Drama-Sermon "Quo Vadis" to be read by the "assistant-pastor". Mrs Theodore Trost will be heard in a number of solos,... and the rest of the time will be devoted to congregational singing. Announce your favorites.

2 - MONDAY: 6:30 PM Board meeting of St John's Home for the Aged.

TUESDAY: 7:30 Federation of Churches Training School at Central Church. From 7:30 - 8:30 book reviews are given by leading pastors, to which anyone may come without registering. These reviews have been very popular, and the Pastor hopes to see a larger number from St Paul's there next time.

At Convention Hall on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings Great Youth Rally, including all Monroe County. The Prohibition question will be debated. No matter what your opinion may be, there should be interesting information on both sides presented.

WEDNESDAY: The Sunday-school teachers and officers will conduct their meeting at the home of Mrs Emma Zimmer, -E. Main St., Pittsford. Transportation will be provided for all who will be at the church no later than 7:30.

THURSDAY: 6:30 PM United Evangelical Councils meeting at Christ Church, Portland & Jackson Sts., for supper and business session. All newly elected councilmen are expected to be there, and all who have previously been on the council are heartily invited also. Tickets can be had from Pres. Finch this morning.

FRIDAY: a) 7:45 Organization meeting of the DEACONESSES. (Sec'y please notify all.)

b) Choir Rehearsal. WANTED - a choir of 40 for the Easter Cantata.

3 - S. S. Attendance: Last Sunday 206

Year ago - 245 (Room for improvement.)

4 - Lincoln's Birthday Feb. 12 - Afternoon - Children's Prayer Service.

EVENING: FATHER AND SON BANQUET.

5 - IN EVERYTHING WE DO THIS YEAR, LET US REMEMBER TO MAKE IT THE BEST EVER, THIS BEING OUR 70th ANNIVERSARY YEAR.

Plans for the fitting celebration of this anniversary have been ordered made at the congregational meeting, (Cont'

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First Sunday after Epiphany

(The festival of the Appearance of the Wise men in Bethlehem.)

January 10, 1932

10:30 O'Clock

PRELUDEINVOCATIONCALL TO WORSHIP:

Pastor: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

People: For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written. - The just shall live by faith."

The "GLORIA PATRI"

The "Apostolic Creed"

HYMN - #212 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

Scriptural Exhortations to Faith:

Pastor: "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

People: Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

Pastor: But without faith, it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

People: And when they had preached the gospel to that city, and had taught many, they returned again to Lystra, and to Iconium, and Antioch.

Pastor: Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.

People: And Jesus saith unto them, Have faith in God.

Pastor: For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto the mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith."

HYMN Response #44 - "Come Thou Almighty King"

Call to Prayer

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And with Thy spirit.

Pastor: Let us come before the Lord in spirit and in truth.

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The PRAYER - Choral Response

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY (The Homilope will be read by the pastor after which the offering will be received. As the deacons bring the offering to the Altar, the congregation rises, while the Choir sings the response 448)

ANTHEM

The Scripture Lesson - Matt. 8:23-28; 14:22-24

HYMN #218 - "Be Thou Faithful Unto Death"

Prayer Meditation

SERMON: "Gibraltars of the Spirit" 11 Timothy 1:2

Pulpit Prayer

ANTHEM

BENEDICTION - DOXOLOGY - POSTLUDE

6 - Cont'd 3) Current Expense Envelopes should be dropped into the Vestibule Boxes. The morning offering placed upon the Altar is for our larger Kingdom Work.

4) There is a suggestion box on the Sacristy Door.

5) A few more "Daily Talks with God" are available.

7 - Have you prayerfully considered the Challenge of a greater Consecration to your Lord through the "FELLOWSHIP OF REDEMPTION"? Membership cards are to be had from the deacons or the Pastor.

8 - A Drama will be prepared by our four Evangelical churches as a co-operation project. The play to be presented is "Snow White" - a children's drama. The women societies are underwriting the expense and are co-operating to makethis venture a happy success. Date April 23.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1 - TONIGHT: 6:30 - The Rev. A. A. Heist, well-known champion of industrial righteousness and civic justice will speak to the young people of our own and neighboring churches, in our S. S. Auditorium. All others whose minds are progressively inclined are also urged to make this a large and representative gathering.

7:45 PM - Drama-Sermon "The Ten Commandments", preceded by a Congregational Sing, interspersed with selections sung by Rev. Theodore Trost. Write favorite Hymns on a paper and hand to the ushers before the service, who will in turn see that the pastor gets them. Bring the neighbors and friends!!!!

2 - MONDAY 2:30 PM - Our women are invited to the Chapin Home, 110 S. Fitzhugh St. for a lecture and movie "Sunshine and Shadow in France".

7:45 PM League Business and Fellowship Meeting. Why not join the League. No dues, only Sunday evening collections.

3 - TUESDAY EVE. - A Bunco Party for all our people, under auspices of the League. The Christmas members will be guests. This is one of the last social events of the pre-Lenten season. Admission 50¢, covers refreshments and cost of prizes.

7:30 PM Opening of third term of Federation Teacher Training Course, at Central Presbyterian Church. If Sunday-school teaching is worth anything at all, it is worth training and improving oneself for.

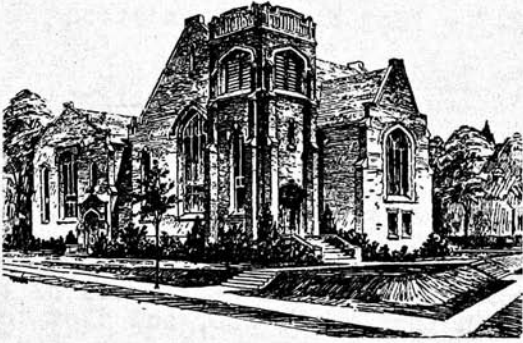
4 - WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON - GUILD #2 will meet at the home of Mrs Flad, #19 Cutler St.

8 PM - GUILD #1 will meet at the home of Mrs E. Uehlin, #98 Maplehurst Rd.

7:45 PM - BROTHERHOOD

5 - THURSDAY EVE. - Evangelical Student Club at the Volk Home, 15 Carthage St.

6 - REMINDERS: 1) The Congregational Meeting, Wed. Jan. 20, 7:30 PM. A program will precede, and a lunch will follow the meeting. Plans for the 70th Anniversary celebration will be made and all organization presidents or chairmen will make reports on the past year's work. 2) Since 15 minutes intervene between the closing of S.S. and the beginning of the worship service, there should be less late-coming and more Silence.

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III Sunday In Advent

Dec. 13, 1931

10:30 O'clock

"For, lo, the days are hastening on, By prophet bards foretold, When with the evercircling years, Comes round the age of gold; When peace shall over all the earth Its ancient splendors fling And the whole world give back the song Which now the angels sing."

PRELUDE - "Adoration (from the Holy City) - Gaul

InvocationCall to Worship:

Pastor: "Come, Thou long expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free;

People: From our fears and sins release us, Let us find our Joy in Thee."

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (134)

The Lord's Prayer

HYMN - #217 - "How Firm a Foundation"

Responsive Reading:

Pastor: "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

People: For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.

Pastor: And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

People: Then thou shalt see, and flow together, and thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged, because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, the forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee.

Pastor: The sun shall be no more thy light by day; neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee: but the Lord shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy glory."

"Praise Thou the Lord the Almighty" #15 (1 V)
Call to Prayer

Pastor: "The Lord be with you.

People: And with Thy spirit.

Pastor: Let us come before the Lord in spirit and in truth.

People: Let us bow in gratitude before the Lord, our Maker."

The Morning Prayer

(Prayer Response)

Announcements

OFFERTORY - "Dawn" - Friml

ANTHEM - "Come Ye Blessed" - Scott

Scripture Lesson - Luke 1:39-66,80

HYMN - #73 - "Lift Up Your Heads" (Verses 1 and 4)
(Congregation standing)

Silent Meditation

SERMON: "Christmas Doing or Christmas Wishing"

Prayer Acts 9:6

ANTHEM - "Prepare ye the Way" - Scott
(from the Star of Bethlehem)

The Benediction

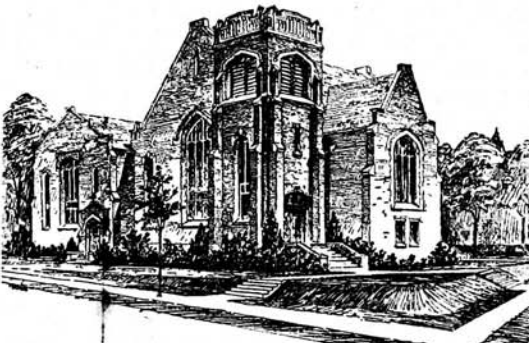
The Hymn of Parting - "The Lord be with us" - #50

POSTLUDE

10 - In this week One of St Paul's true noble-women was taken from our membership here to be enrolled in the membership of Heaven. Mrs Louise Pagels, an outstanding member of our church for 55 years, answered the summons last Tuesday, and was laid to rest on Friday afternoon. The sun shining thru a shower at the moment of her burial was symbolic of her bright outlook on life, and of her Christian faith. God has not been absent with His sustaining strength and comfort. Thanks be to Him for all things.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1 - TONIGHT at 7:45 a short concert by the A Capella Choir of the Benj. Franklin High School. This will be another musical treat that you will not want to miss.
Drama Sermon - "The King of Kings."
- 2 - Calendar for Week:
Monday Night - Young People's League Meeting.
Tuesday 8:15 P M - Young Mothers' Meeting with Mrs Willkens at the church.
Wednesday, Dec. 16; 7P M. All new members to be received into our church fellowship will meet with the pastor in the church sacristy for a short interview. If there be any here with us this morning who have no vital connection with a church, come too.
8P M A Christmas Party for all St Paul Men (and men only) given by the Brotherhood. There will be a Christmas Tree, a program, and fun and food - and everything that will make the boy in every man glad.
Saturday Night - Young People's Bowling Party. Sign up on Bulletin Board Chart.
- 3 - Dec. 20, 10:30 A. M. The Christmas Sermon. Reception of new members.
- 4 P M - A Christmas Vesper Service with program by the Beginner and Primary Dept.
8:30 Y. P. League Christmas Meeting. We are expecting a report from our Elmhurst Student, William Walch.
- Dec. 24: a) 7-10 P M, Christmas Caroling by the Junior Choir visiting our sick and shut-in folks.
b) 11-12 P M - Midnight Carol and Communion.
- Dec. 25: a) 10 A M - German Christmas Communion.
b) 7 P M - Song Service and the Christmas play "Why the Chimes Rang."
- You are heartily invited to share in these expressions of St Paul's Christmas Spirit.
- 7 - Dec. 31 - Watch Night Service: Social Hour beginning at 8:30. Drama Sermon - "The Servant in the House" - followed by a short prayer service.
- 8 - From the S. S. Records - Attendance last Sunday - 232
year ago - 203
- 9 - To Rudolph Zander, whose membership and loyal service in St Paul's covers many years, we are this Sunday privileged to extend Birthday Greetings.

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11 Sunday in Advent

December 6, 1931

10:30 O'clock

"Beautiful are the Hands, that fulfill the Lord's Commands."

PRELUDE - "To the Rising Sun" - Torjussan

InvocationCall to Worship:

Pastor: "O clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph."

People: Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless the Lord."

The "GLORIA"The Lord's Prayer

HYMN - #262 - "Take Thou My Hand"

Responsive Reading:

Pastor: "Therefore now let your hands be strengthened, and be ye valiant."

People: Be ye strong therefore, and let not your hands be weak: for your work shall be rewarded."

Pastor: Thus saith the Lord of hosts; Let your hand be strong, ye that hear in these days these words by the mouth of the prophets."

People: Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye doubleminded."

Pastor: Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up."

People: Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin."

"Breathe on me Breath of God" - #144 (1 verse)

Call to Prayer

Pastor: "The Lord be with you."

People: And with Thy spirit."

Pastor: Let us come before the Lord in spirit and in truth."

People: Let us bow in gratitude before the Lord, our Maker."

The Morning Prayer

(Prayer Chant)

Announcements

OFFERTORY: "An Ancient Legend" - Widow

ANTHEM - "Sing Allelujah Forth" - Buck

Scripture Lesson - James 3:10-18

HYMN #72 - "How Shall I Receive Thee" (verses 1 & 3)
(Congregation Standing)

Silent Meditation

SERMON: "Hands Beautiful" Luke 24:39

Prayer

ANTHEM - "At the Feet of the Master" - Coombs

The Benediction

The Hymn of Parting - #51

POSTLUDE

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9 - Advance Notice regarding Xmas Services:

- 1) Xmas Vesper Service - Beginner and Primary Children, Sunday Dec. 20, at 4 P M.
- 2) Midnight Xmas Communion, 11-12 P M Dec. 24.
- 3) German Xmas Service with Communion, 10 A M December 25.
- 4) Sunday-school Carol service, and presentation of the Xmas play "Why the Chimes Rang," Christmas Night, 7 o'clock.

10 - Many are working short hours these days. Why not use some of the leisure time in worthwhile reading. Think of that neglected Bible in your home!! or the many splendid books available free in our public libraries. If there are any who believe that their leisure time could be invested in a study course, say "Public Speaking", "American History", "Church History" or even technical courses, speak to the pastor. The Federation of Churches is considering such possibilities for those of leisure time.

11 - The "Zep - St Paul", have you watched? Progress over the fog-area of the east Atlantic seems to be rather slow, but there IS progress.

1 - GERMAN SERVICES follow this one. Sermon - "Das Christkind Kommt."
2 - Young People are invited to a Vesper Tea at 5:30 this evening. Mr and Mrs Oscar Stephany and Mr and Mrs Jos. Kothiringer will be the hosts. We include in the invitation tonight young married couples also. Perhaps you will be able to suggest ways and means of making the League more vital in the life of the church. Speakers will be Rev. Davis and Mr. Dawson.
3 - Calendar for the Week:
Monday: 7:45 League Meeting and Fellowship Hour
Tuesday: 7:45 Evangelical Student Club at the Wedell home at #94 Earl St.
WEDNESDAY: ???????? Don't you know? Of course you do. You're "Not quite such a Goose", and you will like "Cabbages" Tickets 35¢ for adults and 20¢ for children. This will be the last of the social events of our church before Xmas, meaning that we want to see everyone there. (One night only.)
FRIDAY: Scouts - Choir Rehearsal.
TUESDAY: 2:15 P M Dec. 15th Next meeting of the Younger Mothers' Club of St Paul's Church, which is meeting with Mrs Fred Willkens for an interesting Child Study Course. Bring the youngsters along to church. Mrs Heim will take care of them in the nursery.
4 - Birthday Greetings to Kenneth Williams. Many Happy Returns.
5 - S. S. Record Last Sunday - 214
Year Ago - 217
6 - The Nursery Room needs some Toys. Why not bring some outgrown kiddy-cars, or similar popular playthings from your home next Sunday? A pair of Jardinieres, an electric clock, a Blue Spruce for our front terrace, clothing for Biloxi, are just a few more of many acceptable gifts that would receive grateful thanks.
7 - The Final Summons has come to George Stiehler, 200 Norton St. We laid him to rest on Thursday afternoon. His earthly pilgrimage covered 70 years. May the God of Comfort be with his spirit and with near and dear ones who mourn his death.
8 - VISITORS are asked to use the Blue Envelopes in the pew racks for their morning offering, and to greet the pastor at the front exit after services.

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Sunday - Quinquagesima

February 7, 1932

10:30 O'clock

"Religion does not primarily explain the universe. It enables a man living in the universe, he cannot explain to carry off a spiritual triumph in spite of it."

PRELUDE - "Contemplation" (from the Holy City)

Invocation

Call to Worship:

Pastor: Unto Thee, O Lord, will we lift up our Souls, O God, we will put our trust in Thee.

People: Show Us Thy ways, O Lord, and teach us Thy paths. Lead us forth into Thy Truth, and teach us."

The "Gloria Patri"

The "Apostolic Creed"

HYMN - #223 "I know in whom I put my trust"

The Morning Psalms:

Pastor: "Give ear to my prayer, O God; and hide not thyself from my supplication.

People: Attend unto me, and hear me: I mourn in my complaint, and make a noise.

Pastor: My heart is sore pained within me; and the terrors of death are fallen upon me.

People: And I said, Oh that I had wings like a dove! for then would I fly away, and be at rest.

Pastor: I would hasten my escape from the windy storm and tempest.

People: He hath delivered my soul in peace from the battle that was against me: for there were many with me.

Pastor: But thou, O God, shalt bring them down into the pit of destruction: bloody and deceitful men shall not live out half their days; but I will trust in thee."

HYMN Response #44 - "Come Thou Almighty King"

Call to Prayer

Pastor: The Lord be with you

People: And with Thy spirit.

Pastor: Let us come before the Lord with open mind and trusting heart.

People: Let us bow in gratitude before the Lord, Our Maker."

The PRAYER - The Threefold Amen

Announcements

OFFERTORY - "Memories" - Dvorak

(The Homilope will be read by the pastor, after which the offering will be received. As the deacons return to the Altar, the congregation rises, while the choir sings the response #448)

ANTHEM - "Like as a father pitieth his children" Robinson

The Scripture Lesson - Luke 15

HYMN - #323 "O Brother Man"

Prayer Meditation

SERMON: "The Prodigal's Brother" Luke 15:28

Pulpit Prayer

Benediction

Doxology

Postlude

10 - Sunday-school Record - Last Sunday - Atten. 228
Year ago - " 217

✓ 11 - Happy Birthday to Mrs Blanche Bird and Mrs Bertha Davis who turned in their Birthday Envelope thank offering last Sunday.

✓ 12 - Death Comes to our Oldest Member: Mrs Sophia Reich, 225 Gregory St., was brought to her last rest on last Monday afternoon. From her baptismal certificate it was discovered that she was 99 years, 9 months old when she died. She had always expressed the wish that she might not live to the 100 years old. That wish was granted. She has been a member of St Paul's for 70 years. Rest in Peace!

The honor of being our oldest member now passes, so far as the pastor knows, to Mrs Meinhardt, 111 Scrantom St.

13 - Deaconesses, whose term expired with 1931, are kindly requested to give Mrs Clarence Brown their Parish-Visitor books. Thanks.

Thursday - Div School - Darling
 ANNOUNCEMENTS
Feb 11

- 1 - THE LENTEN SEASON commences next Wednesday. As is the custom in St Paul's, midweek services will be conducted from Ash Wednesday until Easter. Let every member of St Paul's pledge to himself and to God, attendance at every Lenten service. Your pastor will preach this Wednesday evening. On February 17, Rev. Spencer B. Owens, pastor of the Spencer Ripley M.E. Church on Culver Rd., will be our guest preacher. Make this a season of prayer and quiet. Rest yourself from the fever of parties, entertainments, etcetera, and give your soul a little time for meditation. Why not read a bit more regularly in the old family Bible, and revitalize its sacred truths for yourself?
- 2 - LAST TRYOUT for "Snow-White" at 3 o'clock this afternoon at Salem Church.
- 3 - TONIGHT: League Meeting at 5:30. Misses Mina Kern and Vera Fredericks will serve the supper. (When kind folks make preparations, let us come and show our interest.) At 6:30 the regular devotional hour will be lead by Marjorie Benz, with Dr. Finch bringing the message. Business and fellowship (maybe a toboggan party???) Monday night.
- 4 - TONIGHT at 7:45 - Last of the Drama-Sermon series. The beautiful story of a beautiful life will be told - "Abraham Lincoln". The Rev. Mr. Trost will lead the service. Mrs. Hoefer will read the drama-sermon. Miss Marjorie Benz, cellist, will play the "Berceuse" from "Jocelyn", and "La Cinquantaine."
- 5 - WEDNESDAY Feb. 9 - Seneca Div., Court of Honor at Grace Lutheran Church, Clifford Ave., cor. Manitou St., 7:30 PM. All parents and friends of Scouts cordially invited.
- 6 - Monday Eve. Guild #1 - Mrs C. Brown, #1174 So. Clinton Wednesday PM " #2- Mrs Mary Meyer, #552 Tremont St.
- 7 - Father and Son's Banquet on Lincoln's Birthday, Feb. 12. Every man and boy of St Paul's is expected to attend. Mr. Jesse Ogden, of Franklin High, will be the speaker, and plenty of other treats are in store.
- 8 - Children's Prayer Service on Lincoln's Birthday 4:30 o'clock (Feb. 12) St Paul Lutheran and North Baptist, are the neighborhood churches that will co-operate with us in this Children's Prayer Service, 16 of which are being conducted throughout the city. Parents, please co-operate.
- 9 - Monday, Feb 15 - United Brotherhoods at Trinity Church St. Paul's needs a worthy representation.

German Service -

Prayer Service - Women XEpisc - 2pm Friday

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

MEMBER OF THE EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED CHURCH

Norton Street near St. Paul

ROCHESTER, N. Y.

Affiliated with the Federation of Churches



A Church which seeks to be—

*A Shrine of Devotion,
A Source of Spiritual Illumination,
A Channel for Christian Service,
A School for Religious Growth, and
A Place of joyful Fellowship.*

Pastor — ELMER HENRY HOEFER, M. A., B. D.

PARSONAGE, 26 NAVARRE RD.

Phones: Parsonage — Glenwood 4350.

Church — Glenwood 2779 R.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

J. Alfred Casad, Director - Harold Steen, Organist

Sexton, Herman Howisen - Parish Secretary, Mrs. Herbert Groth

Festival of the Reformation
24th Sunday after Trinity

Nov. 3, 1940 10:30 O'clock
 "God is our Refuge and Strength"

PRELUDE - "Largo"

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Chimes

The Invocation

Worshippers Sing: No. 13

"Sing praise to God who reigns above,
 The God of all creation, The God of pow'r,
 the God of love, The God of our salvation;
 With healing balm my soul He fills,
 And ev'ry faithless murmur stills;
 To God all praise and glory!" Amen.
The "Apostle's Creed"

HYMN - No. 309 "The Work is Thine"

The Scripture Lesson: Read Responsively from
 Selection 52, - Page 74

Choral Amen

The PRAYER - Silent Petitions by worshippers -
 Choral Response

Children's Sermonette: "Martin Luther sang for his
 Supper."

HYMN - No. 294 "A Mighty Fortress"

The Notices

The OFFERTORY - "Berceuse" Kinder
 (That St Paul's may meet its apportionment, give a
 generous sacrifice.)

The ANTHEM - "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"
 Shelley

Prayer Meditation

Reading of the Text:

The SERMON: "A Dream dying, or coming to Birth"
 Pulpit Prayer

Communion Hymn - No. 342 "Through the Night of Doubt
 and Sorrow" (Verses 1 & 2)

Holy Communion

(Hymns 171, 222, 226, 225, 235)

Worshippers communing will please fill in Communion
 Card, and give same to the Deacons at the altar when
 you come forward.

The Benediction

Silent Prayer ... Chimes play "Now Thank We All Our God"
Postlude

St Paul's Herald:

1. Tonight: 5:30 p.m. League Fellowship Supper follow-
 ed by a devotional service. Prof. A. Schade,
 teacher in the Rochester Baptist Seminary,
 speaks on "Why People Don't Go to Church",
 answering Channing Pollock's article in a
 recent issue of the Reader's Digest, with a
 similar title.
 PLEASE - sign the supper reservation in the
 vestibule.

2. Tonight: UNITED REFORMATION FESTIVAL: 7:45 p.m. in
 Salem Church. Guest Minister: The Rev.
 Edward Keller, Ph.D., Syracuse, N.Y.
 Theme: "By their Fruits"
 Thirty churches of the E and R and United
 Lutheran Churches will cooperate. Rochest-
 er Churchmen! Show your loyalty! Buffalo
 churches last Sunday supported the great
 anniversary services with an attendance
 of more than 4000.
3. Today: 4-9 p.m. Christmas Workshop at Parsells
 Baptist Church, under direction of the
 Federation of Churches. Dept. Supts. will
 do well to bring back new ideas for the
 observance of the old festival.

4. Monday: 8 p.m. BROTHERHOOD.... Annual Ladies Night, Frank Vogel and his committee assure a happy hour to all who come.
5. Tuesday: ELECTION DAY.....Americans may differ on national policies and national leaders. This is our proud heritage. But it is the DUTY of every citizen to exercise his privilege to vote.
6. Wednesday: 7:30 Choir Rehearsal.
8:30 S.S. Christmas Planning Committee
7. Thursday: 10 a.m. ALTAR SOCIETY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
10 a.m. Sewing for the Red Cross
2 p.m. ALTAR SOCIETY.
Under the plan of merger in our United Church, ALL women and ALL men of the church, are to be participating members of their respective church organizations. Our Altar Society could easily be three times as strong, if the women of St Paul's would come to meeting.
8. Coming:
Nov. 11...Armistice Prayer Service. 6:45-7:30 a.m. in Gannett House Chapel sponsored by the Fellowship of Reconciliation. Join this morning watch for peace!
Nov. 13 - Wednesday...Annual Sauerkraut Supper of the Altar Society, and Church Friendship Circle Night. Mr. Mikhel of Egypt will speak. Sound Movies: "The River"...The Immigrant. Bring your friends, and the children.
9. Total offering for the Anniversary Services and Banquet approaches \$85. Thanks to all who have given to this Birthday Gift to our Evangelical Church.

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 INFORMATION PLEASE! To make the ministry of our church more effective, will you please check the information below which should reach the pastor? Tear off and place in the offering plate, or hand it to the pastor or one of the deacons at the close of the worship.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> I am a visitor today. | <input type="checkbox"/> I desire to unite with St. Paul's. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I desire offering envelopes. | <input type="checkbox"/> New address. <input type="checkbox"/> Call requested. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Illness in the home. | <input type="checkbox"/> Memorial Altar Flower. |

Name _____

Address _____ Phone _____



Union Thanksgiving Service

Under the Auspices of the

Federation of Churches of Rochester and
Monroe County

Eastman Theatre

Rochester, New York

Thanksgiving Day Morning

November Twenty-Sixth, Nineteen Thirty-One — At 10:30 o'clock

1931
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These things shall be! A loftier race
Than e'er the world hath known shall rise
With flame of freedom in their souls,
And light of knowledge in their eyes.

They shall be gentle, brave and strong,
To spill no drop of blood, but dare
All that may plant man's lordship firm
On earth and fire, and sea, and air.

Nation with nation, land with land,
Unarmed shall live as comrades free;
In every heart and brain shall throb
The pulse of one fraternity.

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JOHN A. SYMONDS



The Order of Service

Rev. Ralph S. Cushman, D. D. - Presiding
Miss Alma M. Lissow - at the Organ
Professor George A. Lehmann - Conducting
Mr. Raymond Coates - Chairman of Ushers

Organ Prelude "Pice Heroique" Cesar Franck
"Minuet and Priere" (from "Suite Gothique") Boellman

Hymn The People Standing

O God our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting thou art God,
To endless years the same.

Under the shadow of thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is thine arm alone,
And our defense is sure.

Time, like an ever rolling stream
Bears all its sons away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the op'ning day.

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guard while life shall last,
And our eternal home.

Call to Worship and Invocation The People Standing
Rev. Frederick R. Knubel

MINISTER—God be merciful unto us, and bless us,
And cause his face to shine upon us;
That thy way may be known upon earth,
Thy saving health among all nations.

PEOPLE—Let the peoples praise Thee, O God,
Let all the peoples praise Thee.

Reading the President's Thanksgiving

Proclamation The People Standing
Mr. Gilbert J. C. McCurdy

New Testament Scripture Lesson The People Seated
Professor Dexter Perkins, of the University of Rochester

Unison Scripture Reading The People Standing
Led by Rev. Charles C. Blauvelt

PSALM 100.

Make a joyful noise unto Jehovah all ye lands.

Serve Jehovah with gladness:

Come before his presence with singing.

Know ye that Jehovah, he is God:

It is he that hath made us, and we are his;

We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving,

And into his courts with praise:

Give thanks unto him, and bless his name.

For Jehovah is good: his loving kindness endureth for ever,
And his faithfulness unto all generations.

The Prayer The People Seated
Rt. Rev. David Lincoln Ferris, D. D.

Choir Response

"Hear our prayer, O Lord, Hear our prayer, O Lord, Incline thine ear to me, and grant us Thy peace. Amen."

Special Youth Federation Chorus

"Thou Crownest the Year" Frederick C. Maker

"Thou crownest the year with Thy goodness, the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord. Thou crownest the year with thy goodness. The folds shall be full, shall be full of sheep; the valleys also shall stand so thick with corn, that they shall laugh and sing. The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord, and Thou givest them their meat in due season. Thou openest thine hand, and fillest all things living with plenteousness. Sing unto God, sing praises. Thou art my God, and I will thank Thee. The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord. Sing unto God, sing praises. Thou crownest the year with thy goodness, Praise ye the Lord."

The Offering

Offertory "Cantabile" Cesar Franck

Hymn *The People Standing*

This is my Father's world
And to my listening ears,
All nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres,
This is my Father's world,
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas
His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world,
The birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white
Declare their Maker's praise
This is my Father's world,
He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear him pass,
He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world,
O let me ne'er forget
That tho' the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world,
Why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King—let the heavens ring:
God reigns: let the earth be glad.

The Sermon

The Rev. Charles Edward Jefferson, D. D.
of New York City

Prayer and Benediction *The People Seated*

Rev. Garret Hondelink

Choir Response

The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord lift His countenance upon you; and give you peace. The Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. Amen.

Postlude "In Dir ist Freude" *Bach*

The Committee on Arrangements

Mr. Clarence E. Higgins, *Chairman*
Rev. Ralph S. Cushman
Mr. J. Sawyer Fitch
Rev. Stanley Gutelius

Mr. Herbert P. Lansdale
Rev. George E. Norton
Mr. William H. Stackel
Mr. Henry H. Stebbins, Jr.

Our thanks are hereby extended to the Management of Eastman Theatre for the free use of this auditorium and to the operating staff for their cooperation in service, and to Station WHAM who are broadcasting this service gratis.

Evangelical Pastor Resigns Post

*-1946
Rochester N.Y.*

The Rev. Elmer H. Hoefer, pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church, Norton near St. Paul, has resigned after 16 years of service to accept a pastorate at St. Peter's Church, St. Louis, Mo., it was announced today.

The congregation voted last night to accept, with regret, the resignation of the Rev. Mr. Hoefer, who has been active in many Rochester church activities.

Since his tenure at St. Paul's, the church has liquidated its \$52,000 debt, doubled its current expense budget, tripled its benevolent giving and constructed a new manse in Navarre Road. He will leave Rochester the week after Easter.

The Rev. Mr. Hoefer is president of the West New York Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and a member of the denominational Board of International Missions and the Commission on World Service. He is also vicepresident of the Board of Managers of St. John's Home for the Aged; member of the board of directors of the Federation of Churches and the State Council of Churches; the management committee, Maplewood YMCA; the executive committee, Fellowship of Reconciliation; chairman of the Evangelical and Reformed Ministerium; past president of the Ministers' Union; Western New York representative of the Syrian Orphanage in Jerusalem and a director of the Dunkirk Conference Grounds.

Pastor, People Resume Worship In Their Church

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



Rev. Elmer H. Hoefer

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

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

The committee in charge was: Edward Uehlin, chairman; H. Krase, W. Lehle, C. Brown, G. Lederer, L. Scheffer, Oscar Stephany, Dr. H. Finch, and the Rev. E. H. Hoefer. Valdemar Peterson was the interior decorator and contractor in charge.

A thank offering will be made by the congregation to meet the cost of renovation, and to express gratitude for the ability in a small measure to provide employment. In his sermon the pastor will tell the history, original purpose and present challenge of various symbols used in the architecture and windows of the church.

The members of St. Paul's Evangelical Brotherhood are preparing for their annual sausage roast to be held on the property of Edward Krause, 423 Norton Street, to which they have invited all members and friends of the church.

Young People Form Evangelical League

A call sent out to the young people of St. Paul's Evangelical Church to discuss the feasibility of organizing the youth of the church, has resulted in the formation of an Evangelical League, the purpose of which is to give opportunity for the discussion of questions particularly vital to young people and to provide a medium for good fellowship. It was felt that the organization would supplement the work of the senior department of the Sunday School.

Meetings will be conducted on the first and third Sunday evenings of each month, at 6:30 o'clock. Thirty names were inscribed on the charter membership roll. Officers are: President, Lucille Reuschle; chairman of devotional meetings, William Walch; fellowship, Mildred Widmer; membership, Otto Hahn; service, Lucille Lowden; corresponding secretary, Margaret Meyer; financial secretary, Ruth Blensinger; treasurer, Ernest Hahn; music, Evelyn Rath.

A roller skating party to which other League groups of the city will be invited, is a feature planned for the near future.

Trinity Evangelical Church

Child and Wilder Streets

Rochester, New York

Rev. Carl G. Haass, Pastor
192 Child Street

September 25th, 1937

St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church
Norton and Jewel Streets,
Rochester, New York.

Dear Daughter of Trinity:-

The members of Trinity Evangelical and Reformed Church Council and congregation, with their Pastor, the Rev. Carl G. Haass, wish to offer warmest felicitations and heartiest congratulations upon the 75th Anniversary of your service as a Christian congregation to our community in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.


Through the contacts of our members with yours we are well aware of your successful ministry in Rochester, which has indeed been a glorious one.

May you, through the Grace of God, be permitted to stand as a beacon light in the way of eternal salvation for many, many years to come.

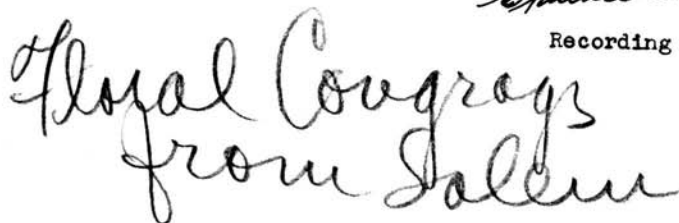
May His Grace and power ever move you to continue on in the great and glorious work of bringing immortal souls into the full grace and glory of God and His Christ.

So Pastor and People, your spiritual mother, Trinity Church, rejoices with you these days and gives you her maternal blessings.

Yours in the service of the Master,



Recording Secretary.



ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL CHURCH

BARRINGTON, ILLINOIS

September 29, 1937

To the pastor, the members and the friends of
St. Paul Evangelical Church,
Rochester, N.Y.

Dear Friends:

Responding to a request made by brother Hoefer, your pastor, I send you this message as my part in your diamond jubilee festivities. I am writing these words actuated by a sense of duty because as one of your former pastors I should take cognizance of this joyous event, but also motivated by a desire to give expression to our love and personal regard for you, the members and friends of our former parish. (I am using the plural "our" because Mrs. Koenig and the children join me most heartily in giving expression to the sentiments contained in this communication.)

As I recall the five years of our ministry in your midst it seems to me that to many of us the financial situation confronting us at the time appeared as the most immediate and pressing problem awaiting solution. It is true that this problem did loom large and forbidding; not only was the congregation burdened with an enormous debt, considering its membership, but expenses just then had increased at an alarming rate. Over against this liability, however, St. Paul church had an invaluable asset, namely, a goodly number of truly loyal and consecrated members and friends. They knew that the problem of finances could and would be solved and today, as you observe your diamond anniversary, their faith has been gloriously vindicated.

As a matter of fact, the primary task of any Christian congregation is the development of spiritual life, characterized by St. Paul as "life hid with Christ in God." (Colossians 3 v.3.) In that measure as it is developed within a congregation all other problems are bound to be solved. In keeping with this conviction my message to you this day is this, may you as pastor and congregation seek to cooperate in an endeavor to nourish and develop this 'life' which has about it the quality of an eternal significance. God has implanted this life into many hearts which beat true and loyally for St. Paul church; may you succeed in cultivating the soil in which this life is to grow. Methods and innovations, equipment and personnel are important in the life of every Christian congregation, they may be helpful or hurtful; but the spiritual life engendered in the hearts and lives of the members of a congregation, that, after all, is the only purpose justifying the maintenance of a Christian church; it alone assures success and makes failure impossible.

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One of the exceptionally loyal and devoted members of St. Paul church, who passed to her reward during my ministry, told me just a few days before her departure (saying it with a smile upon her lips and a song in her heart) "pastor, I realize that I am about to die; however, I am happy and content because I know that 'the best is yet to be' ". May you always have many members like that as you have had them in the past. Then, indeed, although the past history of St. Paul church has many triumphs to record, the "best is yet to be".

May God grant it.

Cordially and sincerely yours,

Hermann E. Koenig

Hermann E. Koenig.

For the 75th Anniversary of St. Pauls Church

On June 18th 1887 Commencement services were held in the Chapel of Eden Theological Seminary, St. Louis Mo. The graduating class consisted of 39 candidates for the ministry. On the faculty were Rev. Louis F. Haberle, Director: Dr. R. John and Prof. H. Becker.

At this time the writers father, Rev. Albert Zeller, was the pastor of St. Pauls Church in Rochester. On September 25th 1887 this church celebrated its 25th Anniversary of organization with joyous jubilee services in the forenoon. A special part of the evening service was the ordination of the pastor's son, Paul. He was ordained by his father, assisted by the Pastors Siebenpfeiffer of Salem Church and E. Henkel of Trinity Church, both in Rochester. The second sermon of the evening was delivered by the young candidate for the Evangelical ministry, the subject being "Missions". On Oct. 24, 1887 the newly ordained pastor took charge of his first congregation in Millvale Pa. This was a mission church in its earliest stages, consisting of 17 families, temporarily served by Rev. Wm. Schaefer of Alleghany Pa. Services were held on the third floor of the local Opera House. Less than a year later the new congregation dedicated its new Church and the large room for Sunday School. After two years of Missionary Service the pastor was unanimously elected Pastor of the Congregation which was chartered under name: First Evangelical Church of Millvale Pa. In that capacity he served this congregation till Jan. 1893. Since then he had charge of synodical congregations in the New York District and in the Atlantic District till August 1936. His last charge was St. Pauls Church of Troy N.Y. He is now retired and living in Auburn N.Y.

Of the 39 members of the Class of 1887 four are still in active ministry after 50 years and 8 others retired therefrom, but nevertheless ready to lend aid whenever called upon.

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Today Rev. Zeller considers it a happy privilege to be with St. Pauls Church of Rochester upon its 75th Anniversary of organization and wishes the entire Congregation divine blessings in richest abundance for many years to come.

Rev. Paul E. Zeller
256 E. Genesee St.
Auburn N.Y.

THE REV. A. C. G. BALTZER
371 MAPLEWOOD DRIVE
ROCHESTER, NEW YORK

September 29, 1937.

To the Pastor and the
Members of St. Paul's Evgl.
& Reformed Church, Rochester, N.Y.

My Dear Friends:

It was very kind
of you to invite me to
share with you the celebration
of your Diamond Jubilee.

I would be delighted
to be among your many
friends who come to greet
and congratulate you upon
this happy occasion.

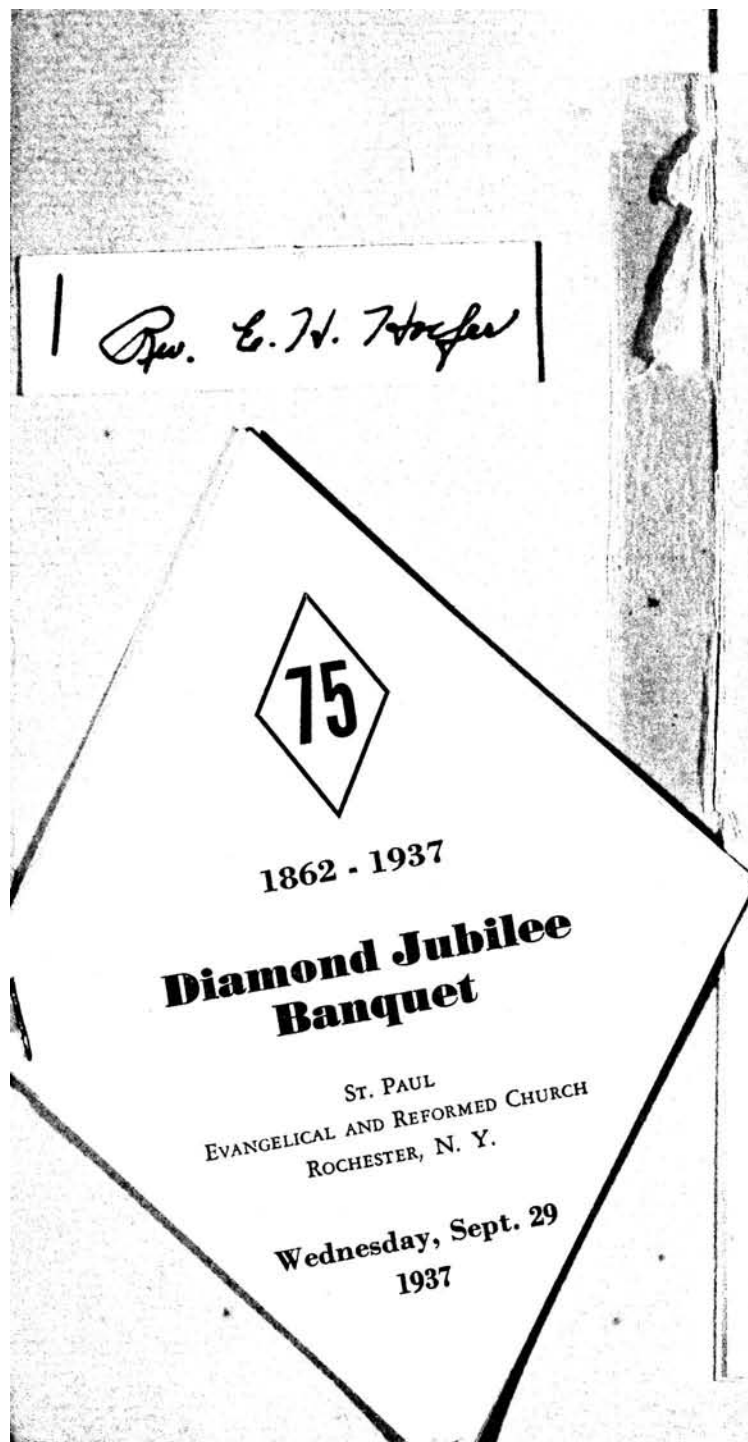
But, as this can
not be, on account of
my indisposition, I
herewith extend to you
my best wishes for a

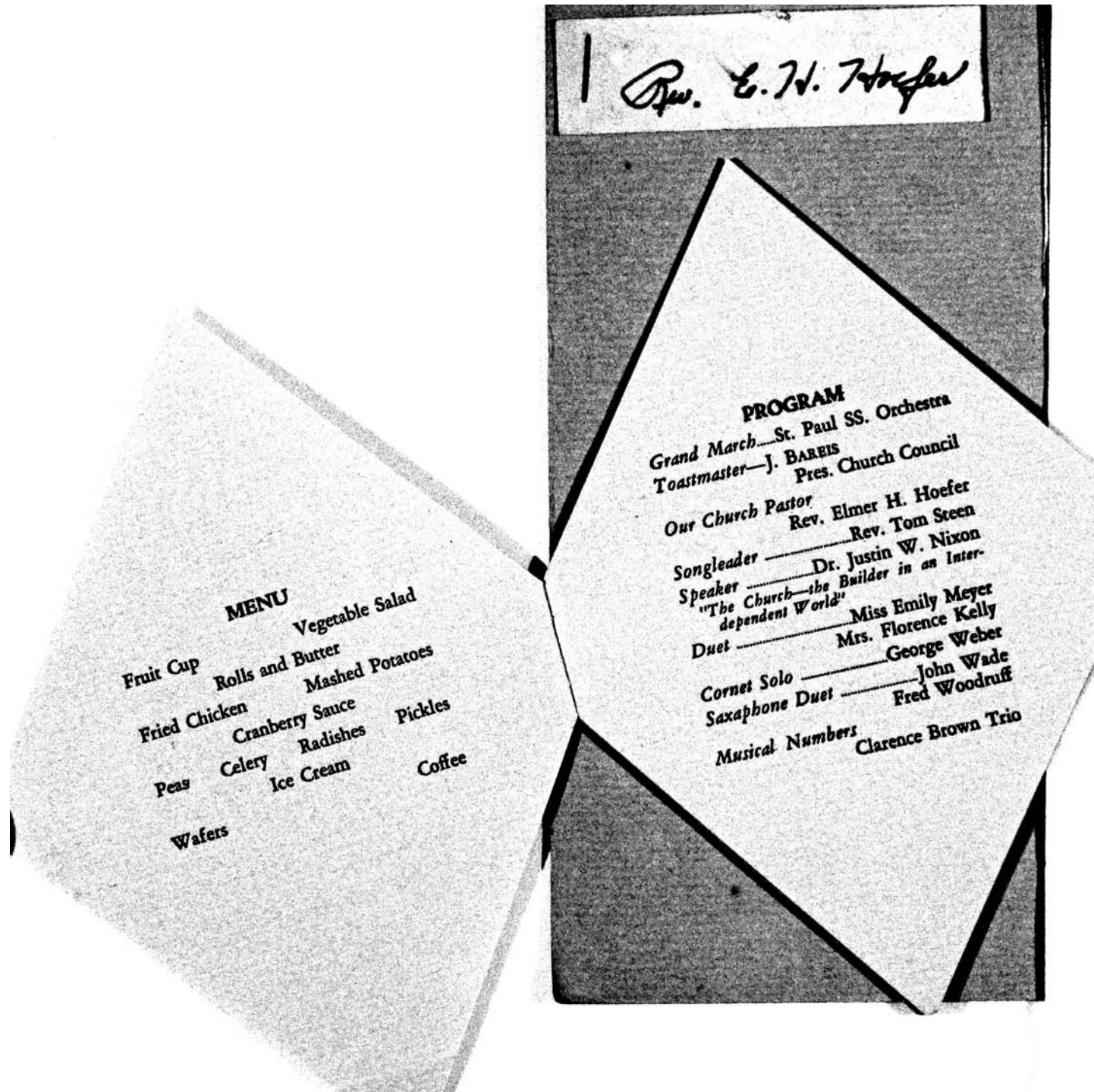
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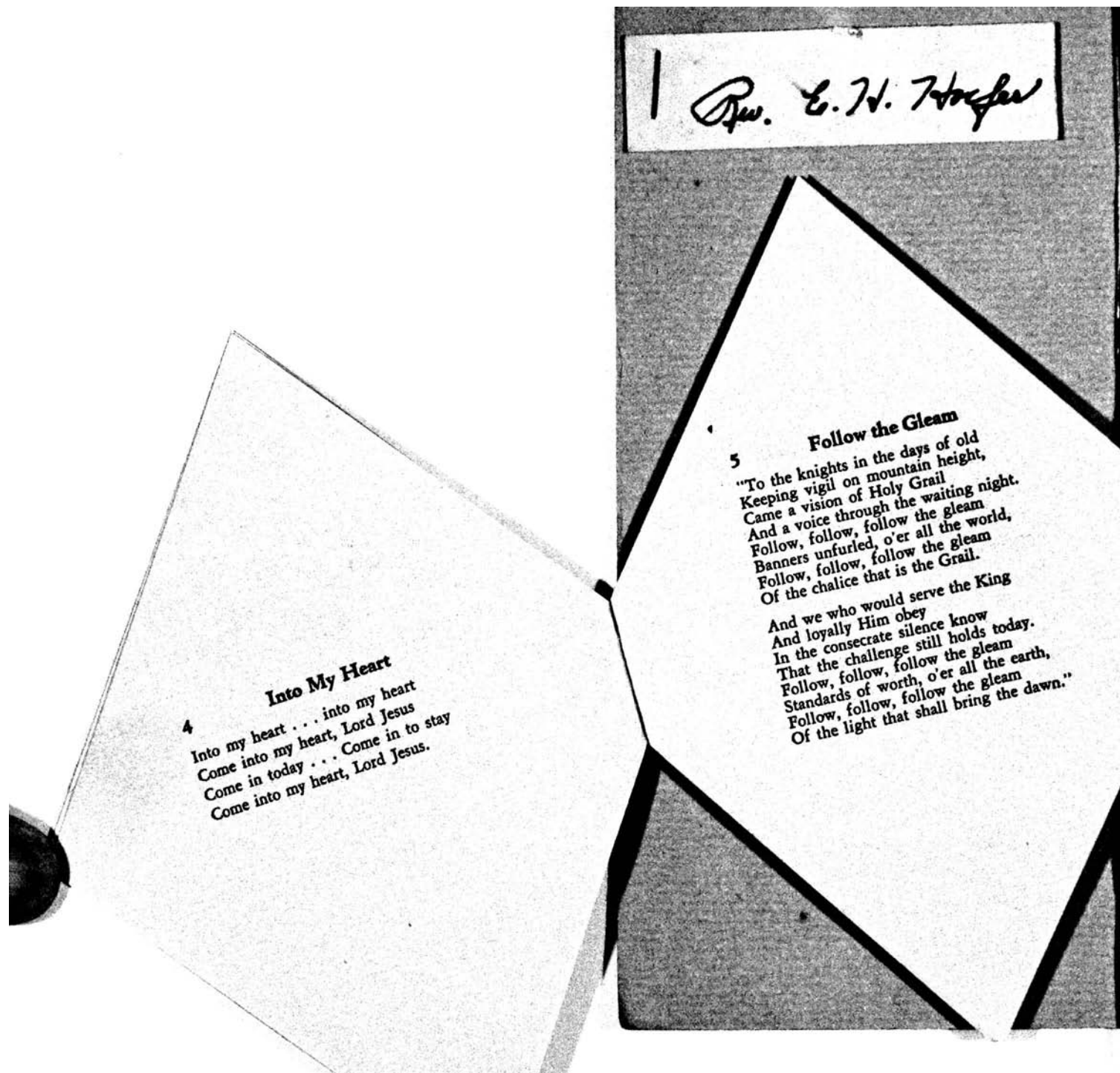
It is not difficult
to understand your great
rejoicing in these days.
As a Christian Church you
not only maintained your
ground in this City for
75 years, but you have also
accomplished many
remarkable things, which
so beautifully illustrate
the two old sayings:
"Perseverance brings success"
and, "Everything comes in
time to him who can wait."

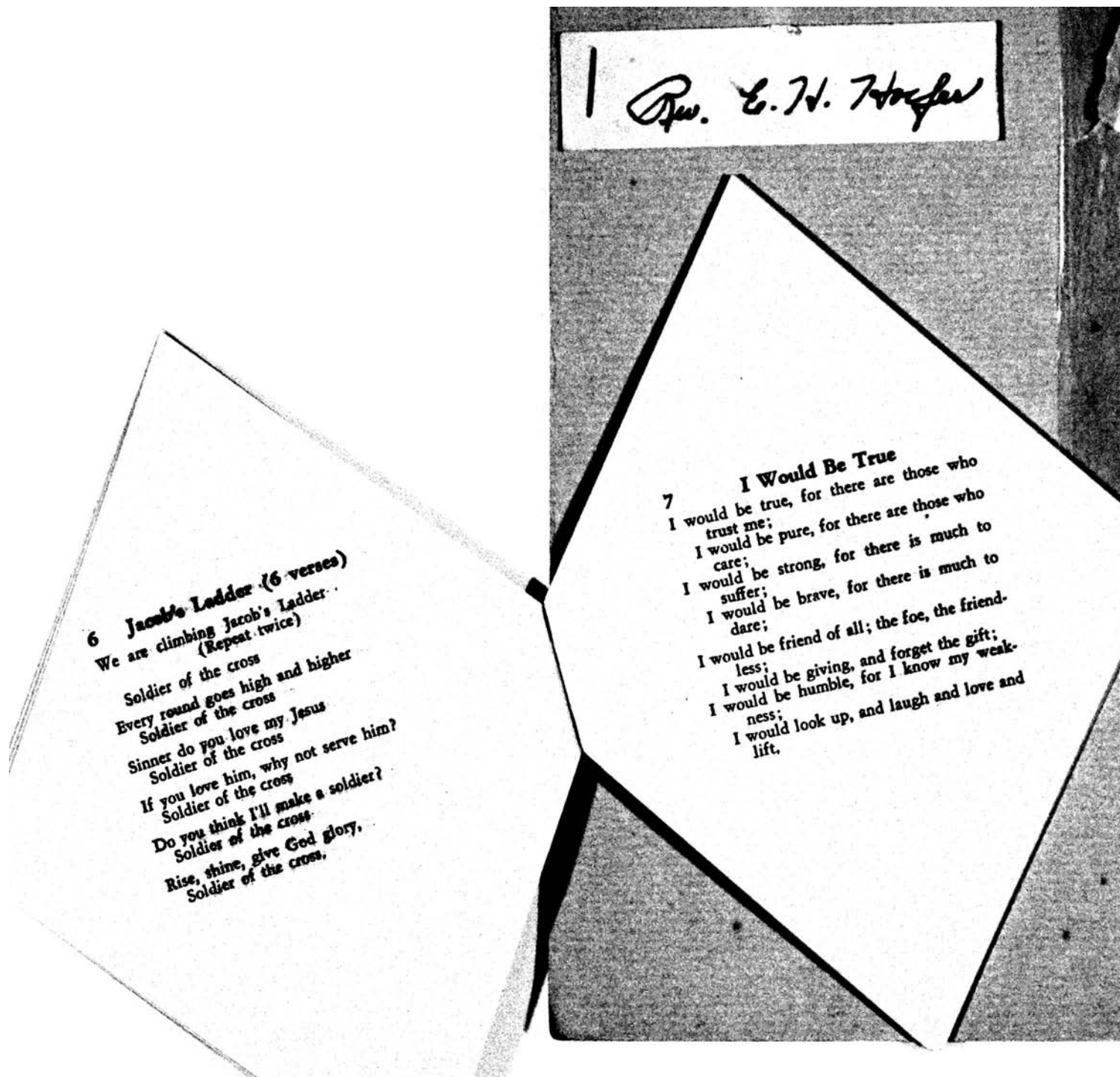
So in spirit I reach out
my hand to you and say: I too
rejoice with you! God bless and
prosper the work of your hands, and,
help you continue in the good
work many more years to His
greater glory. Sincerely yours
A. J. C. S. Butler.

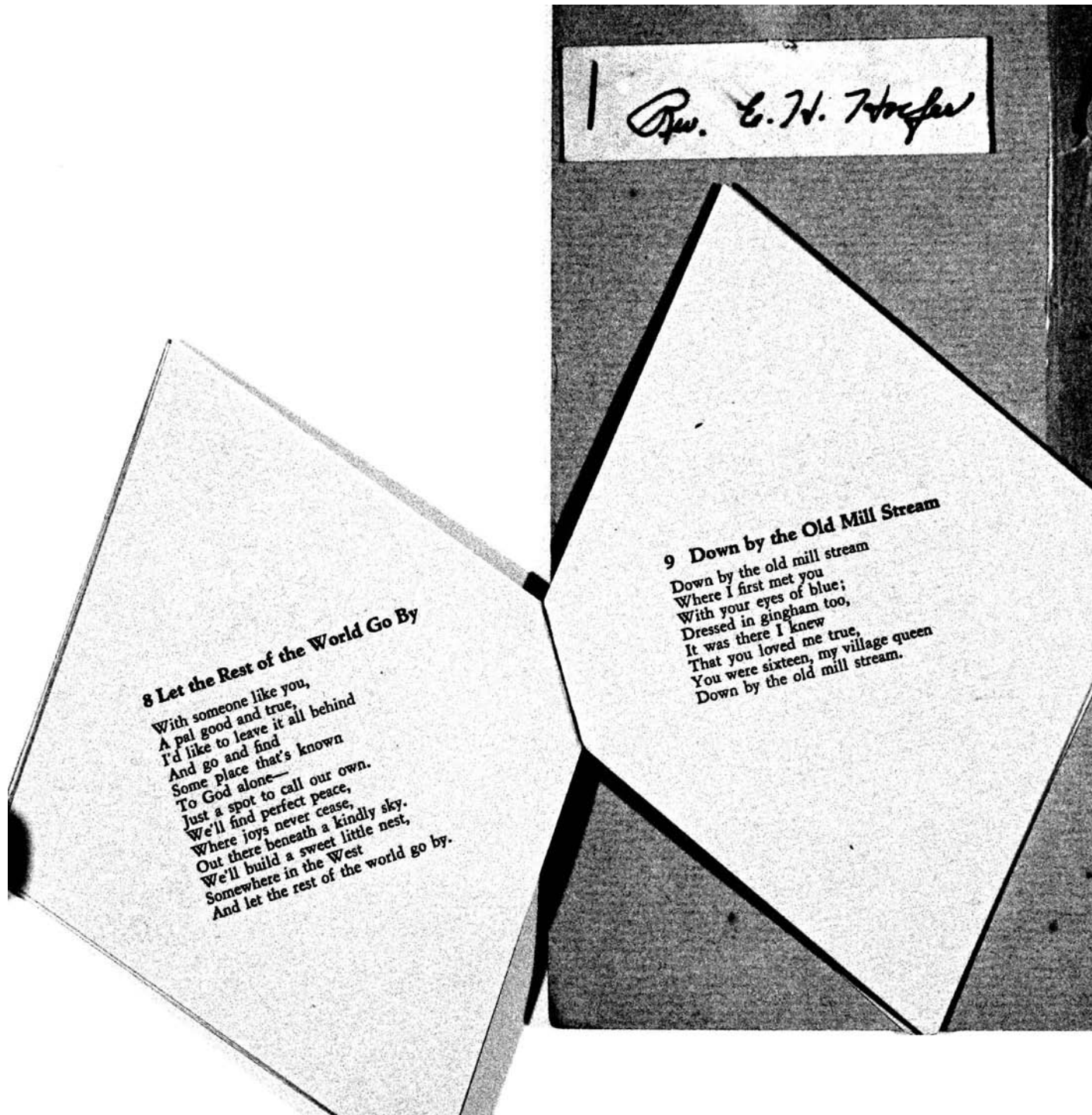












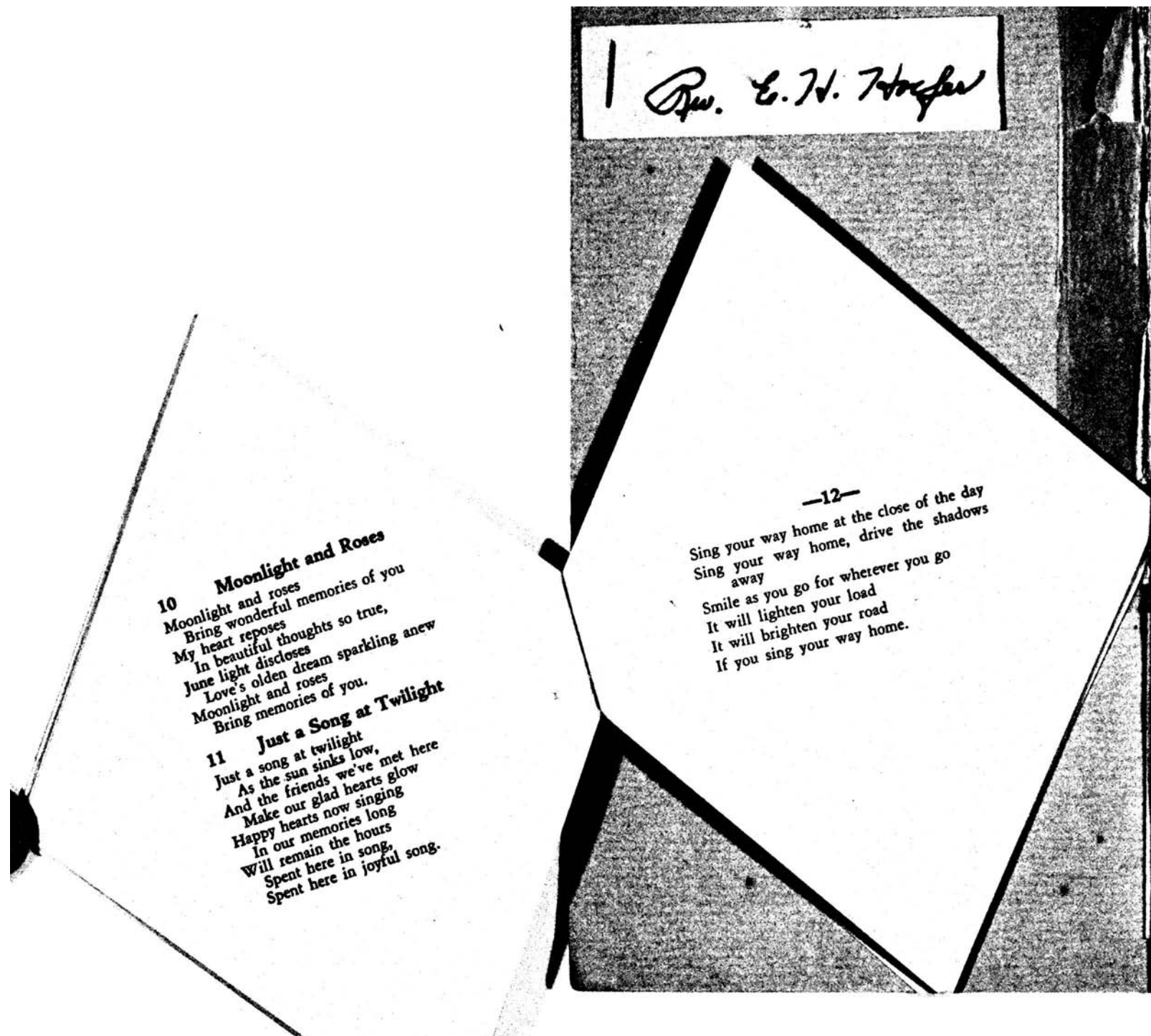
8 Let the Rest of the World Go By

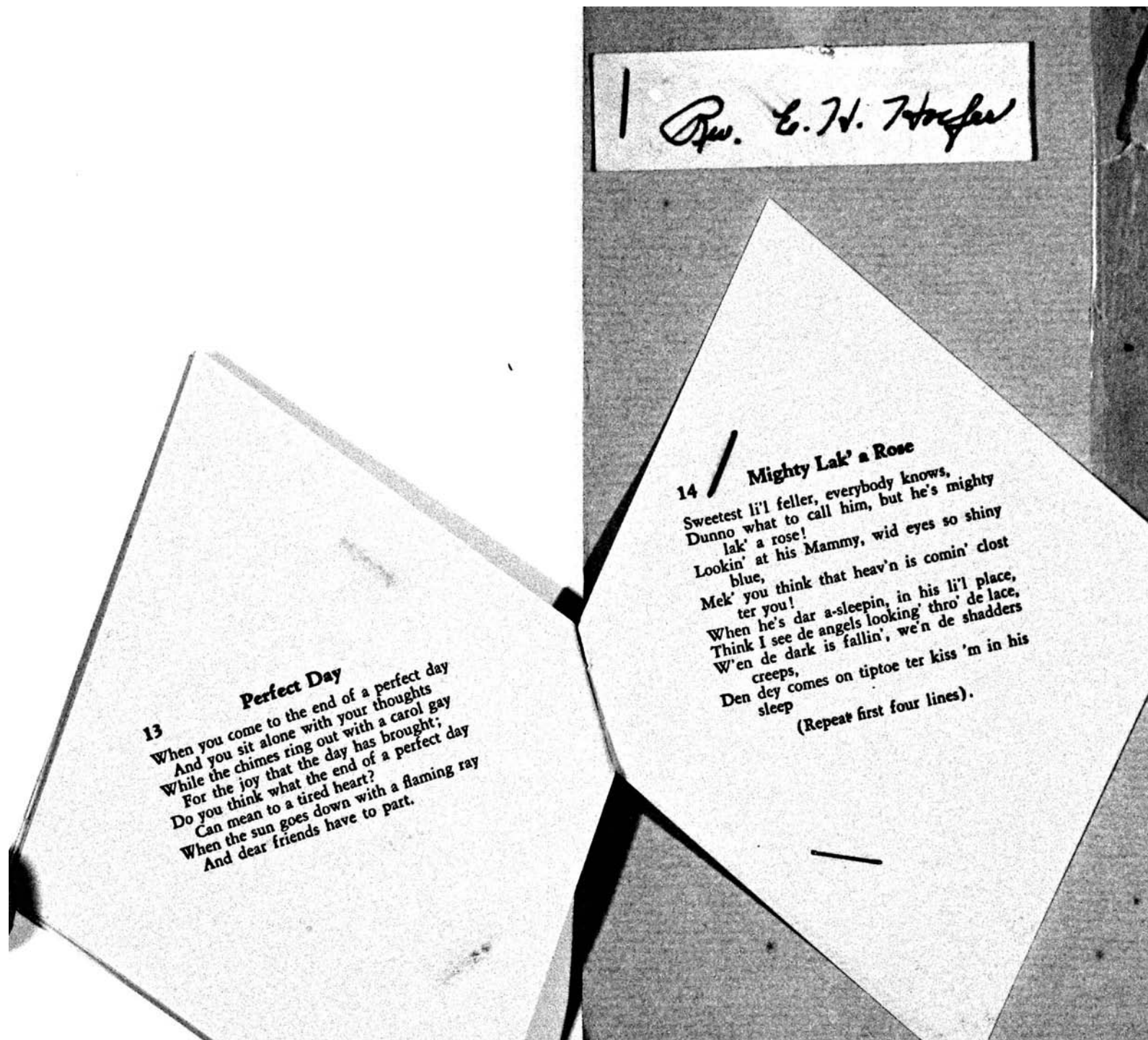
With someone like you,
A pal good and true,
I'd like to leave it all behind
And go and find
Some place that's known
To God alone—
Just a spot to call our own.
We'll find perfect peace,
Where joys never cease,
Out there beneath a kindly sky.
We'll build a sweet little nest,
Somewhere in the West
And let the rest of the world go by.

9 Down by the Old Mill Stream

Down by the old mill stream
Where I first met you
With your eyes of blue;
Dressed in gingham too,
It was there I knew
That you loved me true,
You were sixteen, my village queen
Down by the old mill stream.

1 Rev. E. H. Hoefer





F I R S TDIAMOND JUBILEE SERVICE

Sept. 26, 1937

10:30 O'clock

Organ Prelude - "Improvisation in C" - Gade, H. Betz
ChimesCall to Worship: No. 134

"All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name, Let angels prostrate fall! Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Him Lord of all; Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Him Lord of all." Amen.

The Invocation and the Apostle's CreedHYMN - No. 67 "Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens, Adore Him"The Lesson from Holy Scriptures - Revelations 21:1-8The ANTHEM - "O Be Joyful in the Lord" - PriceThe Children's Story - "A Prophet in Jail"
Rev. Wm R. WalchThe Call to Prayer:

Pastor: "From the rising of the sun until the going down of the same, the Lord's name is to be praised.

People: Let our prayers be set as incense before Him,

Pastor: The lifting of our hands as a morning sacrifice.

People: O come let us worship the Lord our Maker with repentant heart and grateful spirit."

The PRAYERand Lord's PrayerSOLO - "How Lovely are Thy Dwellings" - S. Liddle
Mrs M. WebberChurch NoticesThe OFFERTORY - "Notturmo" - F. LisztHYMN - 181 "Lead Us, Heavenly Father"
(Smaller children may leave the sanctuary)Meditation (That we may face our christian heritage truthfully.)The SERMON - "The Backward Glance; the Outward Reach; the Forward March"PrayerBenedictionDoxologySilent PrayerPOSTLUDE

St Paul's HERALD:

"Sing Praise unto God, who hath blessed us in countless ways. Unto Him alone be the Glory."

1. Today we begin the services of celebration which commemorate the 75th birthday of our St Paul's church. Founded in 1862, the congregation built a house of worship on N. Fitzhugh St. in which services were conducted until 1919 when the old church was sold. A portable chapel next served the congregation as a place of worship. In 1923 the new church was dedicated, and the congregation has increasingly come from the neighborhood in which we now are privileged to serve. May every member of St Paul's look back in grateful remembrance to the memory of faithful service rendered by loyal members of the past; join whole-heartedly in these joyous jubilee festivities; gird himself anew for the forward march of the Church for Christ and His Kingdom. Then will our Diamond Jubilee be a source of genuine blessing.
2. The Symposium will meet at a supper beginning 5:30 p.m. Pastors Philbrook, Zeller and Walch will be guests.

3. Tonight - 7:30 p.m. Worship Service dedicated to our Youth, "The Church of Tomorrow". Rev. Ralph Philbrook of Auburn, will preach the sermon. Rev. Paul Zeller, ordained during the 25th anniversary celebration of St Paul's, and Rev. William R. Walch, ordained in the 75th anniversary year, will bring words of greeting. Our young people will assist in the service.
- Next Wednesday - Jubilee BanquetLast chance to make your reservations. Mrs R. Kolb, 33 Navarre Rd. is in charge of the tickets. Prof. Justin Wroe Nixon, formerly pastor of Brick Church, which was next door neighbor to our old church, will speak.
- Next Sunday Morning, the Rev. Fred Oberkircher, Erie, Pa. who was pastor of St Paul's at the time of the Golden Anniversary, will preach. In the Evening members and clergy of the Evangelical and Reformed Churches of Rochester will be our guests. Pastor Schroeder of Salem Church will bring the message.
- The Old Timers will present a program on Wednesday, Oct. 8, to which everyone is cordially invited. Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the fellowship hour.
- The Final Services of the Anniversary will be held on October 10, beginning with an 8 o'clock Communion. A service of Rededication will be held at 10:30, the Rev. John Ketcham of the Federation of Churches preaching the sermon, following which the second Communion will be celebrated. Let us prayerfully prepare ourselves for this rededication to Christ, observing the Sacrament "In remembrance of Him."
4. The Anniversary Book will be given out next Sunday Morning. Included will be a list of all who contributed to the \$3775 debt-reduction offering. Unfortunately many of our members have not as yet shared in this love-offering, so that the goal has not been reached this first Sunday. If generous use is made of the Jubilee Envelopes which have been mailed out, the goal is not impossible of attainment. To date, \$1401.00 has been received, in addition to \$975.00 from three organizations. Offerings received will be acknowledged in a later "Herald".



S E C O N DDIAMOND JUBILEE SERVICE

Sept. 26, 1937

7:30 O'clock

ORGAN PRELUDE - "Angelus" - St Saens

Henry Betz

ChimesChoral Call to Praise: No. 134

"All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name, Let angels prostrate
fall! Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Him
Lord of all; Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown
Him Lord of all." Amen.

The Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Pastor Hoefer

HYMN - No. 249 "Lord I would Praise Thee"
(Dedicated to the Church of Tomorrow)

Responsive Reading

Robert Fuerst

Leader: "Use all your hidden forces. Do not miss
The purpose of this life, and do not wait
For circumstance to mold or change your fate.
People: In your own self lies destiny. Let this
Vast truth cast out all fear, all prejudice,
All hesitation.

Leader: Know that you are great, Great with divinity.People: So dominate Environment, and enter into bliss. -Leader: Love largely and hate nothing. Hold no aim
That does not chord with universal good.

People: Hear what the voices of the silence say,
All joys are yours if you put forth your claim,
Once let the spiritual laws be understood,
Material things must answer and obey."

The "Gloria Patri"

(Ella Wheeler Wilcox)

The Scripture Lesson - I Timothy 4:6-16 Catherine NicholasThe ANTHEM - "Praise the Lord Oh My Soul" - WoolerThe PRAYER Ruth Stoll

Choral Response

A Greeting - Rev. Paul Zeller, ordained in St Paul's
1887

SOLO - "Trust in the Lord" - Hamblen
Miss Dorothy Trowbridge

A Greeting - Rev. Wm R. Walch, ordained in St Paul's
1937

HYMN - No. 317 "Let us Brothers, Let us Gladly"

Meditation

SERMON: "Between Two Generations" Rev. Ralph PhilbrookPulpit PrayerThe NoticesThe OFFERTORY - "After a Dream" - FaueBenedictionThe DoxologyPOSTLUDESt. Paul's HERALD:

1. We are indeed happy to have the pastors Philbrook, Zeller and Walch sharing our happy anniversary services with us. Rev. Philbrook is pastor of St Luke's Church, Auburn, and an esteemed friend of our church. Rev. Paul Zeller was ordained in St Paul's at the time of the Silver Jubilee in 1887 when his father, the Rev. Albert Zeller, was our pastor. He and Mrs Zeller are now living in Auburn. His presence and his message will carry us back over the years to another generation of sturdy Christian living. Rev. William R. Walch, another son of St Paul's, who was ordained in this anniversary year, is one of our contributions to the Church of Tomorrow. It is significant and timely that these three pastors should share in this worship dedicated to the Youth of St Paul's.
2. Next Wednesday - Jubilee Banquet. Tonight is your last chance to make reservations. Mrs R. Kolb, 33 Navarre Rd. is in charge of the tickets. Prof. Justin Wroe Nixon, formerly pastor of Brick Church, which was next door neighbor to our old church, will speak.

3. On next Sunday morning we reach the high-spot in our Jubilee Services. In the Sunday School, Rally Day and Home Coming of old and young, teachers and pupils will be observed. Mr. Lawrence Butler, Colgate-Divinity School, will be introduced as the student minister for the year. The Rev. Fred Oberkircher, pastor of St. Paul's during the Golden Anniversary will be the preacher at the morning worship. The Anniversary Books will be distributed, one to each family of the church. The evening service will be an inter-church fellowship to which our sister churches, Trinity, Emanuel, Salem, Christ and Dewey, with their pastors, have been invited. Pastor Schroeder, of Salem Church, will preach. Greetings will be brought by the president of the New York District, the Rev. Carl Haass.
4. The Old Timers will present a program on Wednesday, Oct. 6, to which everyone is cordially invited. Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the fellowship hour.
5. The Final Services of the Anniversary will be held on October 10, beginning with an 8 o'clock Communion. A service of Rededication will be held at 10:30, the Rev. John Ketcham of the Federation of Churches preaching the sermon, following which the second Communion will be celebrated. Let us prayerfully prepare ourselves for this rededication to Christ, observing the Sacrament "In remembrance of Him."
6. Let every member of St Paul's make every effort to be present at every one of the five anniversary services. How otherwise would you want to answer your grandchildren's question at the time of the Centennial, "Was you there, Henry?" than, "Sure, I didn't miss a trick. And say, if it hadn't been for us folks back there in 1937, you might still have a debt on your church. We almost K.O'd the old bogeyman through our anniversary offering that time." And by the way, you won't want to be a prevaricator (polite for liar) in this matter of sharing in the anniversary debt-reduction offering. The total offering to date is slightly less than \$2500...Goal is \$3775. Use the green envelopes for your Love-and-Gratitude Gift, if you have not already made your sacrifice.



T H I R DDIAMONDJUBILEESERVICE

10:30 O'clock

October 3, 1937

Organ Prelude - "Pilgrims' Chorus" - Wagner, Henry Betz
ChimesCall to Worship: No. 134"All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name, Let angels prostrate
fall! Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Him Lord
of all; Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Him
Lord of all." Amen.The Invocation and the Apostle's CreedHYMN - No. 23 "I Sing the Praise of Love Unbounded"The Lesson from Holy Scriptures - Psalm 115ANTHEM - "King All Glorious" - VailThe Children's Story - "Ruth, a girl harvester"
Mr. Butler, Student Pastor.The Call to Prayer:Pastor: "O Lord open Thou our lips.People: And our mouth shall show forth Thy praise.Pastor: Praise ye the Lord.People: The Lord's name be praised."The PRAYERand Lord's PrayerANTHEM - "O Praise the Lord of Heaven" - MarksChurch NoticesThe OFFERTORY - "The Answer" - WolstenholmeHYMN - No. 296 "Lord of our Life, and God of our Salvat-
(Melody No. 249) ion"

Meditation (That we may be thankful always.)

The Anniversary Sermon: Rev. Frederick Oberkircher,
Pastor of St Paul's during the Golden Jubilee in 1912.PrayerBenedictionDoxologySilent PrayerPOSTLUDE* * * * *
St Paul's HERALD:

1. Welcome! Back to the church he served 25 years ago, comes Pastor Oberkircher, of Erie, Pa. We welcome him, and all former members and friends who are observing the 75th Birthday of St Paul's with us.
2. To-night the Evangelical and Reformed Churches of Rochester have been invited to worship with us. The Rev. Paul M. Schroeder will preach. Let St Paul members greet our visitors with cordial hospitality.
3. Tonight - 6:30 Junior League devotional and fellowship hour.
4. MONDAY: 8 p.m. Brotherhood. Men of St Paul's, make this meeting one that will compare favorably with the other anniversary gatherings. A surprise is in store for the sport-lovers.
5. WEDNESDAY: 8 p.m. Old Timers' Anniversary Program to which everyone is cordially invited. Following the program refreshments will be served.
6. THURSDAY: 2 p.m. Altar Society. Let us make this an Anniversary Roll Call at which every able-bodied member is present.
7. FRIDAY: 7:45 p.m. Choir.
8. SATURDAY: 9-11:30 Confirmation Classes.
9. Final Anniversary Services next Sunday. Reconsecration Communion Services at 8 and 11:30 a.m. Preaching service at 10:30, the Rev. John Ketcham, speaking.
10. Read the Family Week Letter in the Messenger, Sept. 23!
11. Did you listen to the Church Editor last evening over W.S.A.Y. 6-6:15 ?

12. The Anniversary Offering now totals \$2600. The goal \$3775. Use the green Anniversary Offering envelope in the pew racks, if you have not already made your birthday gift to the church. The Anniversary Book is ready for distribution today. We have a copy for each family.
13. On Sunday, Oct. 17 a final report will be made on the Anniversary Services, Offering, etc.
14. Our Anniversary Class of New Members will be received on Reformation Sunday, October 31. There are six enrolled thus far. Are there not others in the congregation this morning who will date their membership in St Paul's from the anniversary year? Speak the good word to the pastor at the close of the service, when visitors sign the Record in the front vestibule.
15. The model of the church you saw at the banquet and in the S.S. this morning, is the work and gift of Linden Schwab. 75 thanks to him!
16. From the Records of the Parish:
 Baptism: Ronald Otto Wagenhals, Sept. 20.
 Wedding: Harold Schleyer and Eleanor Kulp, Sept. 21.. Our hearty congratulations.
 Funerals: George Vroman, 517 Norton St. passed away suddenly on Sept. 25. Burial took place in Mt Hope on Sept. 28. To Mrs Margaret Vroman, a member of our church, and to her family, our Sympathy.
 Mrs Charles Frank, 90 Ave B, passed away after lingering illness last Tuesday. To her husband, her sisters-in-law, Mrs Widmer and Mrs Uehlin, our Christian condolence is proffered.
17. Birthday Greetings - Miss Eleanor Hoffmeier.
18. We greet Mr. Lawrence Butler, student minister, who will teach in our S.S. and share in the liturgical services. Mr. Butler is a senior at Colgate-Rochester Divinity School.
19. Christian Parents are urged to enroll their children in Week Day Schools of Religion if any are in session near their public schools.



F O U R T HDIAMOND JUBILEE SERVICEOct. 3, 1937
7:30 p.m.

in which
St Paul's shares its Birthday Joys
with
Sister Evangelical and Reformed Churches

Organ Prelude - "Prelude to Act III from the Opera
Kunihild - Kistler Henry Betz

ChimesThe Call to Worship: No. 134

"All hail the pow'r of Jesus' Name, Let angels prostrate
fall! Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Him Lord
of all; Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Him
Lord of all." Amen.

The Invocation:

Pastor Kurkowski

"Almighty God, Whose glory the heavens are telling,
the earth His power, and the sea His might, and Whose
greatness all feeling and thinking creatures every-
where herald; to Thee belongeth glory, honor, might,
praise and service now and forever, through Jesus
Christ, our Lord."

A CREED (affirmed in unison)

"We believe in the one God, Maker and Ruler of all
things, Father of all men; the source of all goodness
and beauty, all truth and love. We believe in Jesus
Christ, God manifest in the flesh, our Teacher, ex-
ample and Redeemer, the Saviour of the world. We be-
lieve in the Holy Spirit, God present with us for
guidance, for comfort and for strength. We believe in
the forgiveness of sins, in the life of love and prayer,
and in grace equal to every need. We believe in the
Word of God contained in the Old and New Testaments as
the sufficient rule both of faith and practice. We be-
lieve in the Church as the fellowship for worship and
for service of all who are united to the living Lord.
We believe in the final triumph of righteousness, and
in the life everlasting. Amen.

The Gloria PatriThe ANTHEM - "Sing to the Lord" - ThompsonAn Old Testament Lesson; and brief comment - Psalm 67

Pastor Tepas

Baritone Solo - "If God so Clothe the Grass" - Bishoff
Mr. K. HardyA New Testament Lesson; and brief comment - Matthew 13:1-9

Pastor Diehm

Professor Trost

The Call to Prayer:Pastor: "Show Thy Servants Thy work;People: And their children Thy glory.Pastor: Let Thy merciful kindness be upon us,People: As we place our continued trust and faith in Thee.The Evening PRAYER

Choral Response

HYMN - No. 297 "Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken"Quiet MeditationThe SERMON: "The Church Marches On" Rev. P.M. SchroederPulpit PrayerQuartette - "Even Me" - WarrenA Congratulatory Greeting by the esteemed President of the
N. Y. District - the Rev. Carl G. HaassThe NoticesThe OFFERTORY - "An Autumn Sunset" - C. HarrisThe BenedictionHymn of Parting - No. 48

"Abide with us, our Saviour, Thou light of endless light;
Increase to us Thy blessings, And save us by Thy might."
Amen.

Postlude

1. St Paul's deems it an honor to have our sister churches and their pastors as visiting guests during the observation of the Diamond Jubilee. We have been encouraged by your presence. The bonds of our fellowship have been strengthened because you have rejoiced with us. For all good wishes, prayers, and expressions of your felicitude the Birthday Church offers its sincerest appreciation.
2. To the pastors who share in the praise and thanksgiving service tonight, to the District President, the Rev. Carl Haass, and to the Rev Paul M. Schroeder, of Salem Church, for congratulations and message of inspiration, we express our gratitude.
3. The Anniversary Services come to a close with two Communion Services next Sunday morning, October 10. The first Communion will be administered at 8, and the second will follow the preaching service at 11:30. In a spirit of reconsecration our members are invited to share in this Sacred Fellowship, even as our fathers and mothers have taught us, and as Jesus enjoined when he said "Do this in Remembrance of Me, unto the Forgiveness of Sins and the strengthening of your faith."
4. The Rev. John Ketcham, associate secretary of the Federation of Churches will preach the sermon next Sunday.
5. On Wednesday evening, commencing at 8 o'clock, the Old Timers' Club will present its contribution to the Jubilee Celebration. An interesting program has been prepared. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is most cordially invited, to recall with us the memories of days past, but not forgotten.
6. Next Sunday morning will be the last time to contribute to the Anniversary Offering Goal of \$3775. On the following Sunday the committee wishes to be able to present a complete report, and secretly hopes that it can report in terms of "success".
7. MONDAY: 8 p.m. Brotherhood. All men cordially invited.
8. THURSDAY: 2 p.m. Altar Society.
9. FRIDAY: 7:45 p.m. Choir
10. SATURDAY: 9-11:30 Confirmation Classes.



FINAL SERVICES
in
St Paul's DIAMOND JUBILEE

October 10, 1937

8 A.M. Communion and Reconsecration Service

Organ Meditation

Chimes

Invocation

HYMN No. 237 "My Jesus, I Love Thee"

The Communion Exhortation

Confession of Sins

The Assurance of Pardon

The words of Institution

The Invocation and Invitation

The Communion at the Altar

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Rededication

The Benediction

9:15 A.M. Church School Session

10:30 A.M. Morning Worship

PRELUDE - "Grand Offertory" in G" - Batiste, Henry Betz

Chimes

Call to Worship No. 134

"All hail the power of Jesus' name, Let angels prostrate
fall! Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Him Lord of
all; Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Him Lord
of all." Amen.

The Invocation and Apostle's Creed

HYMN - No. 279 "One Thing Needful, Greatest Blessing"

The Lesson from Scriptures - Colossians 3:1-4, 12-17

The Children's Story Mr. Lawrence Butler

The PRAYER and Choral Response

Alto Solo - "The Humble Shall be Exalted" - Roberts

The OFFERTORY - "Serenade" - Chaninade

HYMN - No. 246 "Work for the Night is Coming"
(Children dismissed)

The NOTICES

The ANTHEM - "Praise the Lord of Heaven" - Marks

Meditation

SERMON: The Rev. John Ketcham, Federation of Churches

Pulpit Prayer

HYMN - No. 153 "Break Thou the Bread of Life"
(During which those having previously
communed may quietly leave.)

The SERVICE OF RECONSECRATION AND COMMUNION

The Exhortation

The Confession of Sins and Assurance of Pardon

The Words of Institution

The Invocation and Invitation

The Sacrament of Altar Communion

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Benediction

The Doxology

Postlude

ST. PAUL'S HERALD

1. Today we bring to a close our Diamond Jubilee Celebrations. They have been glorious days of retrospect that will become meaningful as we accept the challenge to stand for Justice, Righteousness and Truth in the Name of Christ in the days of our Church's ministry which lie ahead. Strength that comes from confession of past sins, and from the reassurance of Christ's presence with us, are the spiritual privilege of all to accept Him anew in the sacred fellowship of communion. Two such opportunities are ours today, at the eight o'clock service, and again following the preaching service. Let none neglect this sacrament established through our Lord's sacrifice.

2. We are grateful for the presence and the message of the Rev. John Ketcham, associate secretary of the Federation of Churches this morning. May he challenge us to a renewed consecration to our Master.
3. Tonight: 7 p.m. Senior League. Address by Verna Volz, who spent the summer touring with a seminar of the Religion and Labor Foundation, visiting share-cropper settlements in the south, including the Delta Farm experiment in cooperative agriculture with Sherwood Eddy as guiding spirit.
7:30 p.m. 25th anniversary service of Dewey Ave. Evangelical and Reformed Church. Rev. B.E. Kurkoski, pastor. We are all cordially invited.
4. Wednesday: 2 p.m. Guild 2 will meet at the home of Mrs M. Meyer, Tremont St.
5. Friday: 8 p.m. Executive Committee of the S.S.....Choir
 " " " Guild No. 1 will meet at the home of Mrs Fred Lane, 60 Strong St.
6. Saturday - 2:30 p.m. Brotherhood Dinner at the Hahn Cottage, Honeoye Lake.
7. Note these dates:
 Tuesday, Oct. 19. United Councils Dinner at St Paul's. The deaconesses will service. President Trost promises an interesting evening for all councilmen.
 Wednesday, Oct. 20 - 8 p.m. St Paul's Church-and Family Night. A program for the children as well as for adults. Prof. Schade of the Divinity School will show slides and speak on a tour he made into the northwest last summer.
 Sunday, Oct. 24 - Harvest Festival
 Sunday, Oct. 31 - Reformation Sunday. New members will be received. The united service will be held in St John's Lutheran Church, and we shall hear our old friend Dr. Frankenfeld again.
8. Mr. Meili awaits your \$1 membership in St John's Home Ass'n with a smile. There were 35 members last year. The Altar Society will receive your \$2 subscription to the Messenger.
9. Our anniversary offering totals \$2700 to date, or \$1000 short of the goal. Next Sunday, additional gifts will be acknowledged.

Rochester, NY