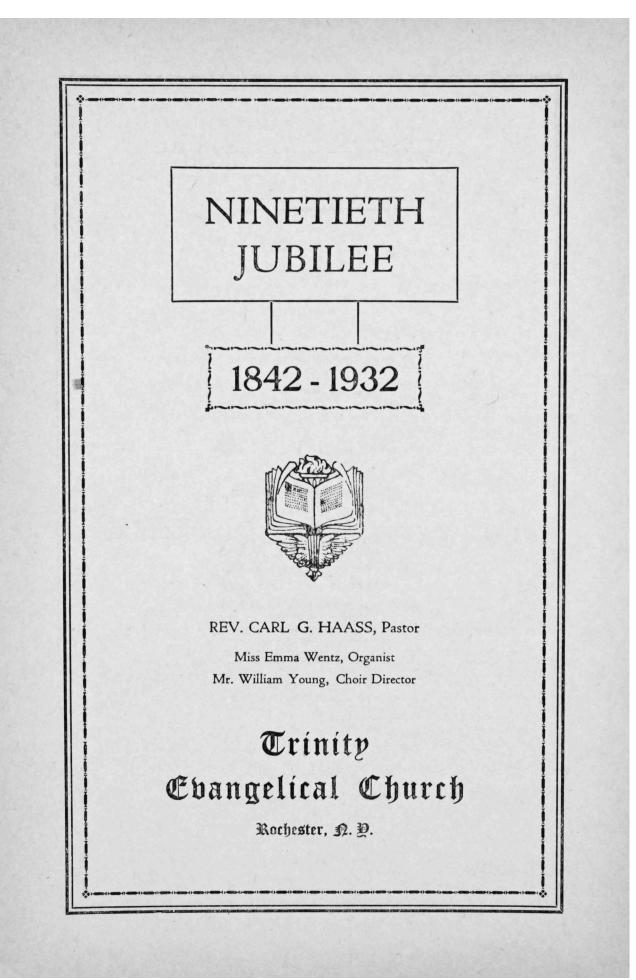


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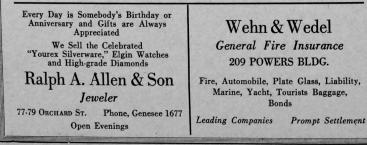
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FAMILY NIGHT - THURSDAY, OCT. 27, 7:30

HISTORY OF TRINITY EVANGELICAL CHURCH

On this Ninetieth Anniversary of our Church, we have every reason to say with the Prophet Samuel, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us," and to praise with the Psalmist, "The Lord hath done great things for us, wherefore we are glad." "Bless the Lord, O my Soul, and forget not all His benefits."

We would indeed be ungrateful, if we did not acknowledge the many blessings which the infinite and unmerited Grace of God has bestowed upon our people during these ninety years. We are grateful to our forefathers for the heritage which they have handed down to us. Their's was a faith that enabled them to build, under the greatest sacrifices, this house of God, that this heritage might come down to us.

We, this day, should pledge ourselves anew to a service, which reflects this sacrificial spirit, and with an ever increasing devotion to Christ, our Lord, build His Kingdom among us, and unto the uttermost parts of the world.

The oldest records of Trinity Evangelical Church, Rochester, New York, date back to the year 1842, when a number of families severed their connections with the Zion Lutheran Church, and founded our Trinity Evangelical Church.

The first church council elected in 1842 was composed of the following men, Karl Rochrig, Philip Schreiber, Mathias Hertel, Bernhard Heyd, Henry Klein, Louis Bauer, John Ph. Beck, Henry Lux, and Dr. Peter Klein. They called as their first Pastor,

REV. C. F. SOLDAN

Who served from 1842 to 1845, using as their place of worship a small building on Ford Street, near West Avenue, and then later a building on Allen Street, near State Street.

REV. J. BIEHL

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REV. J. F. ILLIGER

was called, and on April 1st, 1846, accepted. Under his pastorate the congregation erected their first church building of brick on Allen Street. The corner stone was laid on June 8th, 1847. Shortly after this Rev. Illiger closed his work at Trinity.

REV. A. BERKEY

was then called to the pulpit, and served from 1847 to 1849. It was during this time that the first constitution containing forty paragraphs defining the duties and privileges of members and Pastor, as well as giving the doctrinal standpoint of Christian faith, was adopted.

REV. CARL W. F. HAASS

the grandfather of your present pastor, was called to Trinity church in 1849, and served until 1852. Through hard work he succeeded in uniting the forces, and strengthen the bulwork of Christianity in Trinity. During this time the basement of the Church was re-modeled so that the first parochial school could be held. The first fund for Foreign and Home Missions was called into being by Rev. Haass It was an December 24th 1951 that the mean transfer funds for Foreign and Home Missions was called into being by Rev. Haass

It was on December 24th, 1851 that the present pastor's father, Albert F. Haass, was

born into the Trinity Rochester parsonage. In every way the work of the church prospered under the leadership of Pastor Haass. Very unexpectantly in the summer of 1852, Rev. Haass resigned.

REV. C. G. CLAUSEN

was called to become the spiritual leader of the church. During his term of office the growth of the congregation continued. In 1861 Rev. Clausen ended his pastorate.

REV. PHILIP CONRADI

became the seventh pastor of Trinity in 1861. It was in the year 1862 that Trinity's first daughter was born, when a group left the church with their pastor and organized St. Paul's Evangelical Church, located on North Fitzhugh Street, now Norton and Jewell Streets.

REV. CARL SIEBENPFEIFFER

who became famous as a preacher, entered upon his duties February 25th, 1862. During his brilliant pastorate, it became necessary to build a balcony in the church. He brought Trinity up to a high state of service, and gave it a leading place in the community life.

HISTORY OF TRINITY EVANGELICAL 'CHURCH (Continued)

Then there came the question of relocating the church, for it was recognized by many that the old location was not the right one.

The question, as to where to locate, caused much unrest. As a result the second daughter of Trinity was born, when a group organized Salem Evangelical church on Franklin Street, and built a new church. They extended a call to Rev. Siebenpfeiffer, which he accepted.

May it be stated here that Mother Trinity is proud of her Daughters and has only the best wishes for their future success and development.

REV. DR. BERNARD PICK

succeeded Rev. Siebenpfeiffer on the second Sunday after Easter in the year 1874, continuing until 1881

At this time there were 179 pupils in the English Sunday School. Dr. Pick resigned in 1881, and

Rev. Otto Von Bueben

took up his work in Trinity on April 2nd, 1881, and continued until October 1883, when he resigned rather unexpectedly.

REV. EMIL HENCKELL

became pastor of the church in November 1883, and ministered for thirteen years. It was during this time that the exodus from our church to the English speaking churches began. The church property was also in a run down condition, and not much repair work was done, because of the thought that the congregation might relocate its house of Worship.

It was apparent that Trinity Messenger was first edited by Rev. Henckell on May 13th. 1894, and it has played a very important part in the history and development of dear old Trinity

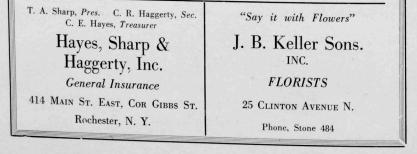
Finally ill health and old age forced Rev. Henckell to resign, and he preached his farewell sermon on the last Sunday in June, 1897. He withdrew from active ministry, and just a short time after this, April 2nd, 1898 he answered the call to come Home.

REV. A. C. G. BALTZER

came to Trinity on July 4th, 1897 and completed the longest pastorate in 1919. He, too, saw that it would be necessary to relocate dear Trinity. It was a tremendous task, but the location of the larger number of Trinity members made it imperative that the congregation should move its house of worship as near the center of the congregation as possible. Thus on August 27, 1902, a committee composed of Messers. Jacob Gerling, George Gundell, Jacob Matheis, George Hoffman, Simeon Barthelmann, and the pastor completed the purchase of three lots at Child and Wilder Sts. June 1902 saw the congregation decide that for the present only a Sunday School Hall should be built, and accordingly, a building committee consisting of Messers. George Gundell, Jacob Gerling, Ernest Wollenhaupt, George Hoffman, Jacob Matheis, Simeon Barthelmann and the pastor was appointed.

Ground was broken on July 4th, 1904 and on August 28th, 1904 the corner stone was laid. The last service in the old brick church was held on March 26th, 1905. There was a day of great rejoicing when on April 20th, 1905 the new Sunday School hall was dedicated. The building cost \$15,905,98. By September 10th, 1910 the entire cost had been met.

In December 1910, the congregation named a new building committee, and charged them with the duty of erecting the Church. The committee composed of Messers. Jacob



HISTORY OF TRINITY EVANGELICAL CHURCH (Continued)

Gerling, George Hoffman, Jacob Matheis, Gustav Luther, George Gundell, John Seiler, George Beisheim, John Koehler, Albert Schneider, Henry Wedel, William Felsenheimer, Julius Stein and the Pastor worked on this project three years, and on May 25th, 1913 accepted the plans for the new Church. Ground was broken on June 16th, 1913, and the cornerstone was laid on Sunday, May 24th, 1914. The cost of this work was \$41,554.14.

What a forward step. What courage and devotion on the part of Pastor and people. What a blessing this has been to us. This very successful pastorate came to a close on the last Sunday in November, 1919.

Rev. J. Otto Reller

conducted his inaugural services on Sunday, December 7th, 1919, and thus began a pastorate that covered eleven years and nine months. In 1919 the parsonage was acquired at a cost of \$7,000, and was completely paid in 1921.

At the time of the Eightieth Anniversary, the debt on the church property which was \$18,000, was reduced to \$12,000. This, with the raising of the amount paid for the parson-age meant a great deal of work for the Pastor, and his faithful congregation.

At the 85th Anniversary banquet, plans for remodeling the basement and Sunday School hall was presented. In the December 14th, 1927 congregation meeting, Mr. Jacob Matheis, Chairman of the remodeling committee, presented the plans with the result that the committee was authorized to let the contract and proceed with the work. Thus, on December 9th, 1928, the rededication service was held, and all enjoyed to the fullest the wonderful improvement which has proven such a help for our educational work. The very successful pastorate of Rev. Reller came to a close rather unexpectedly,

when he accepted a call to become pastor of Bethel Evangelical Church at Evansville Indiana. He preached his last sermon as pastor of Trinity, on Sunday September 13th, 1931. May the blessings of his wonderful work ever bear abundant fruit in dear old Trinity.

REV. CARL G. HAASS

received a unanimous call to the pastorate of Trinity on August 23rd, 1931, and on November 1st, 1931 preached his first sermon as pastor of this Church. During these past months the pastor has been acquainting himself with his parish.

Early in the year the celebrating of the 90th anniversary of the congregation was being planned. Thus it was suggested that our Church receive a new dress for her 90th birthday, in the meeting of the congregation, held in March, it was voted to do this work, and the Church Council was instructed to proceed. A committee composed of Messers. Chester Wilson, Adam Conrad, Ernest Hess, Robert Durning, Gustav Luther, William Pommerening, Otto Preiss, and the Pastor was named by the council to have charge of the work. Funds for the work were gathered through free-will offering, without solicitation, and over \$1,800.00 was subscribed for the work, of which all but \$78.00 has been paid in, and thus the entire cost of the work has been met.

The reopening service was held on Sunday, July 17th, with the former Pastor, Rev. J.

Otto Reller preaching the sermon, and Rev. A. C. G. Baltzer offering the prayer. May we all work together to build God's Kingdom, in our own hearts, in Trinity, and unto the uttermost parts of the world. May God let His richest blessings rest upon us, so

that we in turn may be a blessing to many. Thus, during the ninety years of its history, Trinity Evangelical Church has been served by fourteen pastors. The official acts recorded show that 6,921 were received into the church through baptism and 2,329 through confirmation, 3,107 marriages were per-formed and 3,000 laid to rest. There were 44,010 communions given.



Ninetieth Jubilee 1842-1932

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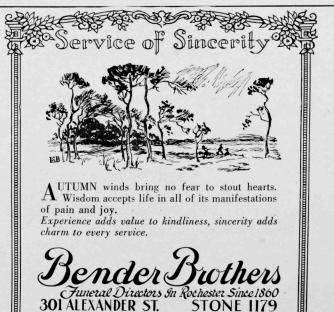
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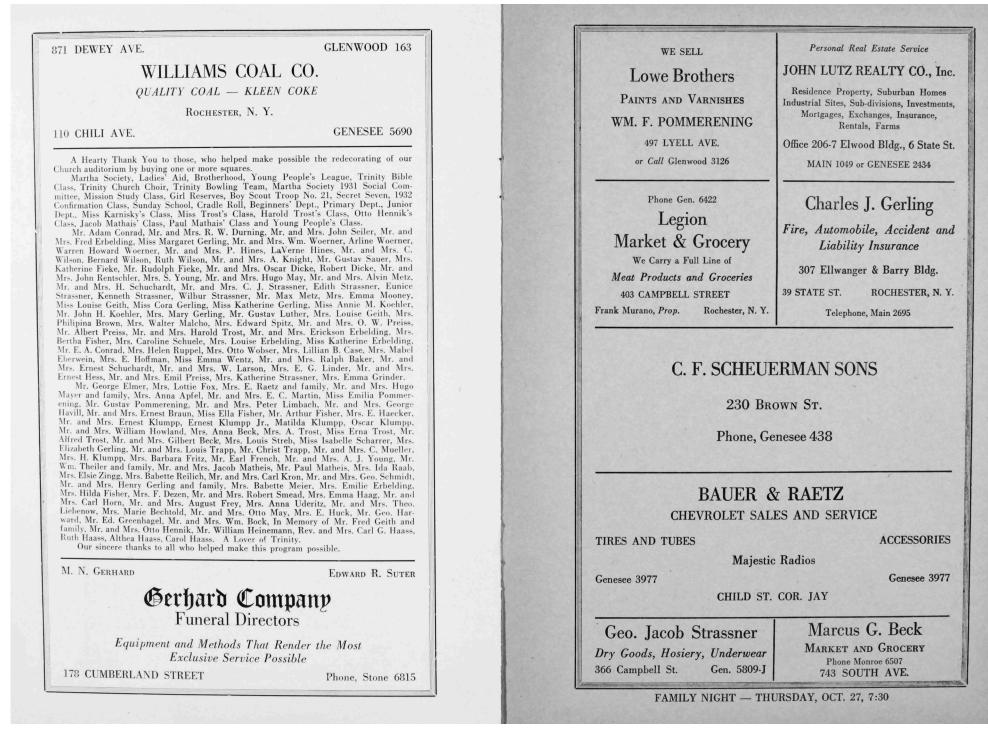
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