

1841

125TH ANNIVERSARY

TO

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

1966

MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN



*Upheld by
God's Hand*

*"Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed!
For I am thy God, and will still give Thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee,
And cause thee to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand."*



Trusting fully and completely in this promise of God, our forefathers left their native Germany and, in the face of many and various difficulties, including persecution, set out for America. Upon their arrival, they traveled on to Wisconsin, and here in Milwaukee, on September 26, 1841, organized our St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

At the time of our Centennial Celebration, these first one hundred years of history of St. Paul's Lutheran Church were very thoroughly covered in our 100th Anniversary book.

Therefore, at this time of our 125th Anniversary, we will but briefly touch on these first one hundred years; recount for you the Anniversary Program at the time of this Centennial, and then continue with an account of the activities of our congregation and its various organizations for the period since that time.

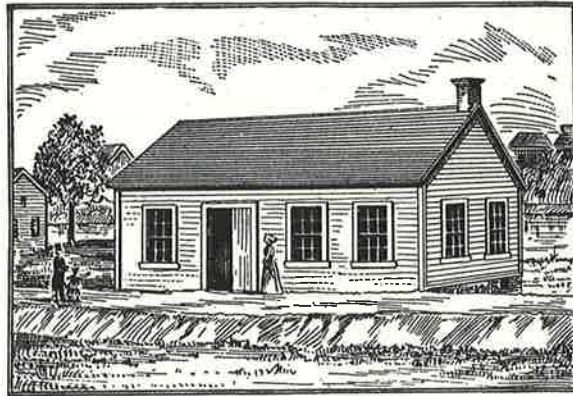
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HOUSES OF WORSHIP

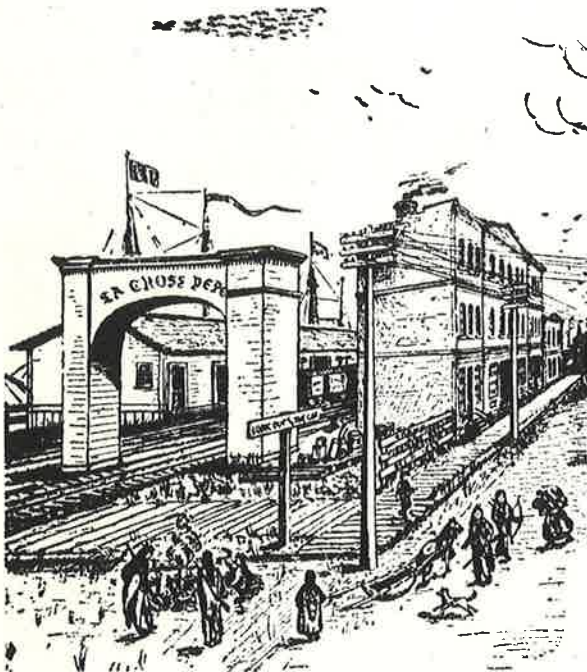
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*"My Church; my Church; my dear old Church;
My fathers' and my own."*



OUR FIRST CHURCH
Fourth Street, between Wells and Cedar



OLD LA CROSSE DEPOT IN 1860
In the upper rooms of the old depot St. Paul's held
services in 1867



CHURCH AND PARSONAGE
On West Galena Street corner
North Seventh Street - 1870-1917

According to historical data uncovered, it seems that during the period of organization and immediately thereafter Services were held in various homes and buildings, located at:

1. Corner of Fourth and Chestnut (now Juneau) Streets;
2. Home of Friederich Hackbarth;
3. North Water and East Chestnut (now Juneau) Streets;
4. Plankinton Avenue opposite Second Ward Bank;
5. On Chestnut (now Juneau) Street between Fourth and Fifth Streets;
6. Two locations on Third Street directly opposite each other.

Then the first church was purchased located on Fourth Street between Wells and Cedar (now Kilbourn) Streets. (Shown on opposite page.)

In 1854 St. Paul's bought and rebuilt a church on Fifth Street between State and Prairie (now Highland) Streets, the property on which the Rescue Mission is now located.

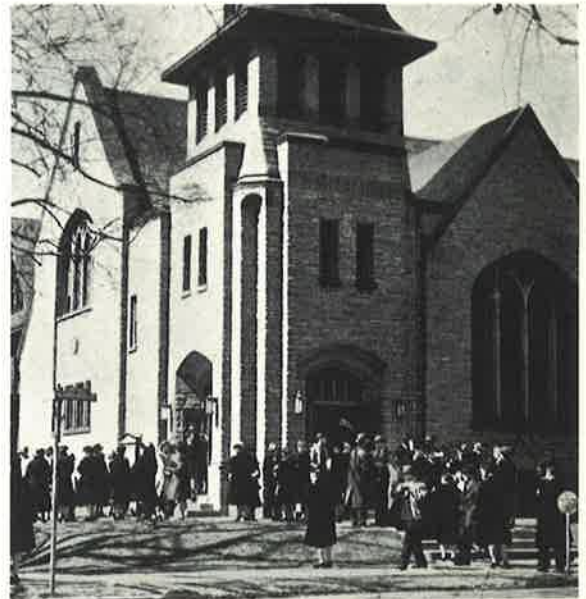
After this, for a time, Services were held in the old La Crosse Depot, located on the Southeast corner of Third and Chestnut (now Juneau) Streets. (Shown on opposite page.)

In 1870 the congregation acquired the property on the corner of Seventh and Galena Streets, and there built first a school and then the Church. (Shown on opposite page.)

And then, in 1917, the present property on North 28th Street and West Wisconsin Avenue was purchased. (Shown at left below.)



ST. PAUL'S CHURCH
1917-1932 - Before Rebuilding



ST. PAUL'S CHURCH
1932-1952 - After Rebuilding

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SPIRITUAL LEADERS

TO

1941

*"Oh, let my life be given;
My years for Thee be spent."*



THE REV. L. F. KRAUSE
First pastor of St. Paul's



THE REV. A. KINDERMANN
Served one-half year in 1843



THE REV. F. T. MUELLER
Pastor in 1852



THE REV. GUSTAV WOLLAEGER
Pastor from 1858-1867



THE REV. J. A. GRABAU
Pastor from 1867-1873




THE REV. CARL GRAM
Pastor from 1873-1907



DR. KARL A. HOESSEL
Pastor from 1907-1942

Because of the fact that our picture file of all of our former pastors is incomplete, we are including here the complete list of the pastors of St. Paul's Lutheran Church and the dates of their pastorate.

	
The Rev. L. F. Krause	1841-1842
The Rev. A. Kindermann	1843
The Rev. L. F. Krause	1843-1852
The Rev. F. T. Mueller	1852
The Rev. Tuerk	1852-1854
The Rev. C. Kuehn	1855
The Rev. Meissner	1856-1858
The Rev. Gustave Wollaeger	1858-1867
The Rev. J. A. Grabau	1867-1873
The Rev. Carl Gram	1873-1907
Dr. Karl A. Hoessel	1907-1942
The Rev. E. Helmuth Stolz	1941-

Dr. Karl A. Hoessel served the Church at large in the following capacities: From 1922 to 1930 as President of the Buffalo Synod and as Editor of "Die Wachende Kirche" and "The Forward"; as First Vice President of the former American Lutheran Church; and also as the first President of the Wisconsin District of the American Lutheran Church, serving from 1930 until 1941. In 1938 Capital University, Columbus, Ohio, bestowed upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

It was only a few months before the 100th Anniversary Celebration that Dr. Hoessel suffered a heart attack. But with the assistance of an Associate Pastor, the Rev. E. Helmuth Stolz, Dr. Hoessel was able to fulfill his duties

even though in a limited way. On Monday night, May 25, 1942, Dr. Karl A. Hoessel requested the congregation to release him from St. Paul's. The congregation unanimously voted that he should reconsider and remain. However, at his insistence, and only with reluctance, St. Paul's acceded to Dr. Hoessel's request to allow him to close his pastorate here at the end of June. Dr. Hoessel had been the capable, energetic, and successful leader of St. Paul's for many years. He preached his farewell sermon on Sunday, June 28, 1942.

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100TH ANNIVERSARY

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*"Hitherto the Lord hath helped us,
Through His Word He led the way;
With His Hand upheld and brought us
To this Anniversary Day."*

Yes, with such words of praise and thanksgiving, the people of St. Paul's Lutheran Church began their Centennial Celebration on September 26, 1941. The following was their Anniversary Program:

Sunday, September 28 – Combined German and English Service
English Sermon – Dr. William Sodt of
Columbus, Ohio
German Sermon – Dr. A. Pilger of
Fond du Lac, Wisconsin
Evening Sacred Concert – The Rev. J. Becker,
Fond du Lac, Wisconsin,
Speaker

Tuesday, September 30 – Organizations Service – The Rev. Helmuth H. Hoessel,
Oshkosh, Wisconsin, Speaker

Wednesday, October 1 – Anniversary Dinner – The Honorable Carl Zeidler, Mayor
of Milwaukee, Speaker

Friday, October 3 – Installation of the Rev. E. Helmuth Stolz as Associate Pastor
by Dr. Karl A. Hoessel. The Rev. Walter H. Behrens,
President, Wisconsin District of the American Lutheran
Church, Speaker

Sunday, October 5 – German Communion Service, the Rev. O. Bruss of Niagara
Falls, New York, Speaker
English Communion Service, the Rev. Alvin Matz of Baltimore,
Maryland, Speaker

The celebration of St. Paul's One Hundredth Birthday was a decided success. This Centennial Week will always be remembered as a red letter event by all who were privileged to participate in its observance. This success was predetermined by the faithfulness and efficiency of the various committees and the fine cooperation of the organizations.

To those of us who did not have the privilege of participating in this Centennial Observance, this is still considered an important event, since it was during this Centennial Week that our present pastor, the Rev. E. Helmuth Stolz, was installed as Associate Pastor.

OUR PRESENT PASTOR

*"Jesus calls me! By Thy mercies,
Savior, make me hear Thy call,
Give my heart to Thine obedience,
Serve and love Thee best of all."*



Pastor E. Helmuth Stolz was born on October 9, 1915, at Maynard, Iowa, the son of Pastor and Mrs. Paul E. Stolz. He was graduated from Hebron Junior College, Hebron, Nebraska, in 1933, and then continued his studies at Capital University, Columbus, Ohio. In 1936 he was graduated from Capital University and completed his first year of study at the Theological Seminary.

He then had the opportunity to go abroad, where from 1936 to 1937 he studied Theology at the University of Erlangen, Germany. Upon his return to the United States, he continued his studies at the Capital University Theological Seminary, graduating in 1939. He was ordained to the Holy Ministry on June 18, 1939, at Christ Lutheran Church, Columbus, Ohio. His first pastorate was at St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Random Lake, Wisconsin, where he served for two years. During his pastorate there, he was united in Holy Matrimony with Hazel Smith of Logan, Ohio.

In the spring of 1941, after our Pastor, Dr. Karl A. Hoessel, became ill, Pastor Stolz was engaged to render assistance, while at the same time continuing to serve the Random Lake Congregation. During the summer he was extended a call to become the Associate Pastor of our congregation. This call he accepted, and was installed on Tuesday, September 30, 1941, as part of the Centennial Observance. He served in this capacity until June 28, 1942, the day on which Dr. Hoessel preached his farewell sermon. Since this time Pastor Stolz has served as the pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, and, as he was installed during the Centennial Observance, so he will also share in this 125th Anniversary by celebrating his 25th anniversary as pastor of St. Paul's.

During this period, Pastor Stolz has led St. Paul's congregation faithfully, ministering to the spiritual needs of its members. We are grateful to God for having blessed our congregation with such spiritual leadership. We thank you, Pastor Stolz, and extend to you at this time our heartiest congratulations on this, your 25th anniversary at St. Paul's.

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Aside from the many responsibilities and challenging obligations which he faced and fulfilled as pastor of our congregation, he also served the Church at large in numerous capacities. Major activities included service as Chairman of the National Lutheran Council Ministerium; Chairman of Intersynodical Lutheran Seminars in Milwaukee; Chairman of the Southern Conference of the Wisconsin District of the American Lutheran Church; and as a member of the Parish Education, Stewardship, and Executive Committees of the Wisconsin District of the former American Lutheran Church. He presently serves as Vice President of the Lutheran Deaconess Motherhouse Board in Milwaukee, and is also a member of the Corporation of the Lutheran Hospital of Milwaukee.

On Sunday, June 21, 1964, the congregation joined the pastor in the observance of his 25th Anniversary of Ordination to the Holy Ministry. Then, on December 31 of that same year, Pastor and Mrs. Stolz observed their 25th wedding anniversary, at which time a reception was held for them by the congregation following the New Year's Eve Services.



THE STOLZ FAMILY

Seated, (left to right) Mrs. E. H. Stolz, Rita (Mrs. Gerald Debban), Pauline (Mrs. James Eastberg), Barbara (Mrs. Dennis Benjamin), and Eileen. Standing, (left to right) Philip, Jonathan, and Pastor Stolz.



THE SILVER WEDDING

1941

THE CONGREGATION

TO

1966

*"Not in our temples made with hands
God, the Almighty, is dwelling;
High in the heavens His temple stands,
All earthly temples excelling.
Yet He Who dwells in heaven above
Deigns to abide with us in love,
Making our bodies His temple."*

With God living in the hearts of our people, making their bodies His temple, St. Paul's Lutheran Church started on its second century of service. Within a matter of weeks after the joyous Centennial Celebration, our country was plunged into war through the tragic experience of Pearl Harbor.

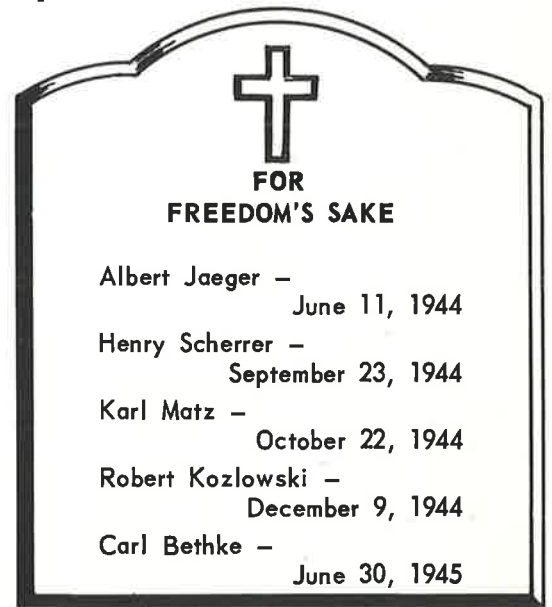
However, as is always the case when tragedy strikes, we find that life does not simply end, but the tasks of everyday life must continue to be done, and so with our congregation. Despite the heaviness of heart, there was work to be done, and we could best serve our God and those who fought for our freedom by continuing our congregational life as normally as possible.

Everything was done to keep those young men called into the service of their country in touch with their Church. A small paper, "The Bugler", was especially prepared for and sent to these men, letting them know that the folks at home, including their Church, were thinking of them and awaiting their return. Five young men did not return, but were required to give their life for their country and for our freedom.

Four of these young men lost their lives in service to their country prior to V-E Day on May 8, 1945, and the last was killed on June 30, 1945, approximately six weeks before V-J Day, which marked the end of the World War II conflict.

On May 8, 1945, a Victory Service was held at St. Paul's attended by 352 persons; and on August 15, 1945, a second Victory Service was held, attended by 302 persons.

In May of 1942, after the resignation of Pastor Karl A. Hoessel, the parsonage, located at 723 North 28th Street, was vacant. At a congregational meeting on September 15, 1942, it was voted to dispose of this property, and the Church Council was authorized to carry out the sale of the same.



Another anniversary was in store for St. Paul's, and on October 14, 1942, St. Paul's observed its 25th Anniversary of worshipping here at North 28th Street and West Wisconsin Avenue. A special Anniversary Service was held on the evening of October 14 at 8:00 P.M., followed by a lunch and social get-together in the Church basement. Dr. Karl A. Hoessel was the guest speaker at this Service.



PARSONAGE
723 North 28th Street

On March 22, 1944, the congregation voted to buy the property adjacent to the Church on Wisconsin Avenue, namely, 2812 West Wisconsin Avenue, and on July 25 of that year voted to erect a new parsonage on this property. A building Committee was appointed by the Chairman to draw up plans to be submitted to the congregation. Then, a year later, St. Paul's was given the opportunity to purchase the property at 2820 West Wisconsin, adjacent to the 2812 West Wisconsin Avenue property. The congregation bought this property, and voted to rent it out for a period of not more than three years as a rooming house.

The adjacent property, known as 2812 West Wisconsin Avenue, was to be put into living condition to be used as a parsonage for a period of not longer than four years, at which time all plans for a new parsonage and building program were to be completed. In any event, a new parsonage was to be provided at or within the time specified, since Pastor Stolz and his family were living in a home which the congregation was renting for them at 6925 West Cedar Street, Wauwatosa.

These directives were complied with, and in June of 1945, Pastor Stolz and his family moved into the newly decorated parsonage.



PARSONAGE
2812 West Wisconsin Avenue



ROOMING HOUSE
2820 West Wisconsin Avenue

On May 5, 1946, a Married Couples Club was formed. The purpose of this Club was purely social, an opportunity for the married couples in the congregation to become better acquainted with each other. Supper meetings were held once a month on a Sunday evening. They entertained and were entertained by Married Couples Clubs of sister congregations.

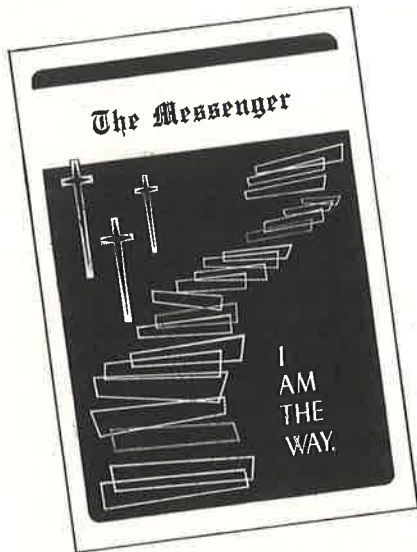
A picture of one of these events appears on this page. This was a Carnival Time which the Club planned, and to which they invited the Married Couples Club of our sister Church in Burlington.

After a few years, during which the quickening pace of our everyday living was being felt more and more, various other demands were increasingly made upon the time of the members of this Club, and the group disbanded.



MARRIED COUPLES CLUB

In September of 1946, the congregation felt a need to add another Service to its Sunday morning schedule. Heretofore the schedule was: German Services at 9:00 A.M. and English Services at 10:30 A.M. Now the schedule was changed to: German Services at 8:00 A.M.; English Services at 9:15 A.M. and at 10:45 A.M.



The need had long been felt for a more adequate and frequent means of informing our parish of the program and activities of St. Paul's. A recommendation was therefore made to the congregation to inaugurate the publishing of a monthly paper, to be mailed to each family in the parish. This recommendation was accepted and unanimously voted by the congregation at the December, 1946, meeting.

The congregation was asked for suggestions of names for this new publication. A prize was offered for the title selected, the final choice to have been made by the pastor and church council. However, until such time as a name would be selected, this paper would temporarily be called "The Messenger", the name which this publication carries to this day. The first issue of "The Messenger" appeared in 1947.

Before we go on and record our congregational history for 1947, let us mention the rather unique way in which St. Paul's saw the old year, 1946, go out. Due to an electrical current failure, the New Year's Eve Services had to be conducted by flashlight and candles.

An important and forward looking step was taken at the annual meeting in January, 1947, where it was decided by the congregation to secure the services of a student vicar. He was to serve in various phases of our parish program, lending assistance also to the Sunday School and pastor. Arrangements were made to secure a vicar from Wartburg Seminary, Dubuque, Iowa, and for this student to begin his work in our midst on August 1, 1947.

However, all efforts to secure a student vicar failed. No less than 23 other congregations in the ALC were putting forth the same efforts, also to no avail. There simply were not sufficient men available. Therefore, at the special meeting held on Wednesday, March 26, 1947, the congregation authorized the church council to engage a parish worker, should one be available.

The services of Miss Ann Eggert were secured for the summer months. Ann was a fellow-member of St. Paul's, and had at this time finished her third year of training for Parish Work at Capital University.

In June of 1948, Miss Wilma Georg became our first Parish Worker, and since that time, with the exception of only two years, St. Paul's has been very fortunate to continuously have the dedicated services of a parish worker. Since Miss Georg's coming to us, four other young women have served in this capacity - Barbara Edwards, Ruth Guldenstein, Virginia Grimm, and Nancy Stuart.



Wilma Georg

Our first Parish Worker, Wilma Georg, served St. Paul's from 1948-1953, at which time she entered graduate school of social work, where she received her M.S. degree. She is now Supervisor of Social Workers with Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan, and at the same time is a very active member of St. Paul's Church.

Barbara Edwards served as Parish Worker from 1953-1955. She left St. Paul's to become the wife of the Rev. Harold Uhl. Pastor and Mrs. Uhl, with their family of four, live at Annandale, Virginia, where Pastor Uhl serves Hope Lutheran Church.



Ruth Guldenstein

Ruth Guldenstein became our next Parish Worker, serving from 1955-1958. She is now Mrs. Marvin W. Curtis, living in Neptune, New Jersey, with her husband and three small boys.

Then in August of 1958, Virginia Grimm assumed the responsibilities of Parish Worker at St. Paul's. She stayed with us from 1958-1963. In 1963, she accepted a call to become Parish Worker of Trinity Lutheran Church of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. In December, 1965, Virginia became Mrs. James McCall, and the McCalls now make their home in Philadelphia.



Barbara Edwards



Nancy Stuart

Then in June, 1964, Nancy Stuart came to St. Paul's to serve as Parish Worker. After being with us for one year, Nancy decided that her calling in life was in the field of social work. She has resumed her studies, working for her master's degree in social work. Nancy also is still a member of St. Paul's congregation.



Virginia Grimm

These young women were parish workers, serving directly with the pastor and assisting him in many and varied ways. They were not required to do the stenographic or

secretarial work of the pastor and the congregation. St. Paul's was always fortunate in having someone who could do this secretarial work on a part-time basis, filling the needs of the pastor and congregation in this particular area. Some of the more familiar secretarial duties which these young women performed include: The mimeographing of the Sunday Bulletin and bulletins for special services; sending out any general mailings to the members; keeping the mailing list up-to-date; compiling statistics; doing pastor's correspondence; and other related duties.

SECRETARIES

Doris Earnhardt	
Alice Haddinger	
Lorraine Dusenberry	
Anne Eggert Hopkins	
Florence Eggert Panning	
Delores Lingenfelder Johnson	
Carol Sodt Dilthey	
Ethel Hill Walter	
Edna Vollbrecht	

At approximately the same time that St. Paul's decided to secure the services of a parish worker, the congregation also authorized the pastor to appoint several boys from the Senior Confirmation Class to serve as Acolytes, that is, to take over the duty of lighting our Candelabra at the beginning of Services. This had previously been done by our Vestrymen. The boys were vested in choir cassocks and surplices, and processed with the choir. The boys who are serving as Acolytes now at the beginning of our Anniversary Year are: Joseph Gottlieb, Gary Rossman, Larry Rasmussen, Andrew Flessner, Wayne Barnett, and Dale Milhans.



At the September, 1947, congregational meeting, the congregation authorized the Building Fund Committee to begin a drive for \$100,000. Pastor and people were determined that St. Paul's go forward to become a bigger and better church, and to render ever increasing service to both our members and to the entire community. With God's help that determination became a reality.

At a special meeting on January 7, 1948, St. Paul's voted to adopt the proposed plans for building and expansion as presented by the Building Committee, subject to any revisions which might become necessary.

This goal presented a big challenge, and called upon the members to so pray, work, and sacrifice that our dream of the future St. Paul's might soon become a reality.

On February 29, 1948, the "Every Family Canvass" was begun to receive pledges toward the raising of the \$100,000 goal set by the congregation. Even before the Canvass officially got under way, advance gifts amounting to \$2,240.50 had already been received.

In September of this year, the Building Committee was empowered to have working drawings and specifications completed by the architect, and to take bids on the following: Parish Hall Basement, Kitchen Addition, Wardrobes, Offices, Parsonage, Garages, Patio, and Garage Basement. It was also decided that no construction should begin until at least one-third of the total cost of our project would be on hand in cash.

It was at this time that the congregation voted to discontinue the German Services after the end of the present year, 1948.

Now the members of St. Paul's were reminded of their part in the work of the Church in foreign lands. On August 29, 1948, they took part in the commissioning service of Ellen Doermann, a fellow-member, for service in our India Mission Field.

After working with the architect for approximately a year in securing working drawings and specifications, the Building Committee found that it would be very costly to proceed with the original plans of building. They therefore offered a counter-plan, namely, that if the front rooms of the parsonage were removed, the balance of the old parsonage could, at a comparatively small cost, be converted into a parish house to serve our needs until the congregation would be able to construct the large parish house originally planned. This would provide for at least ten individual rooms for Sunday School and organizational events.



The Old Parish House, 1952-1964

They presented this new plan to the congregation at the September, 1949, meeting, and the Committee was instructed to pursue it further. The Building Committee secured definite plans and showed them to the congregation at the December, 1949, meeting. These revised building plans were unanimously approved, and the determination to put them into effect in the Spring of 1950 was reiterated.

A Building Fund drive was scheduled for January 29 to February 5. Approximately 80 men gave of their time and talent to carry out this canvass of the congregation. It was necessary to receive approximately \$65,000 in pledges before work could be begun, of which \$22,000 had to be in cash.

On Tuesday evening, September 19, 1950, at a congregational meeting, the Building Committee recommended that St. Paul's proceed immediately with our building program. This recommendation was passed by an overwhelming majority. Thereby St. Paul's demonstrated that it was ready to go through the open door of opportunity which God in His Providence had placed before us. The underlying keynote and spirit of this most decisive meeting was that through faith in God's enabling power, and the prayers, efforts, and gifts that we can bring, this program would be carried forward to success.

Before the close of 1950, the rooming house on the corner of Wisconsin Avenue and North 28th Place was completely removed. The building permit was issued by the City, and most of the contracts were signed. Hugo Logemann was the architect. The front half of the old parsonage was torn down.

During the early weeks of 1951 the excavation of the property was completed and a good deal of the foundation work was done. Work on this project continued throughout the year of 1951.

“The Messenger” had now been the official publication of St. Paul’s Lutheran Church for four years, well fulfilling its purpose of keeping the members more fully informed of the program and activities of our congregation. However, a change seemed to be called for. It was decided, beginning with 1952, to reduce the number of issues of “The Messenger” per year. In the past it had appeared once each month for a period of ten months. Now it would be published every two months, five issues in all.

At the beginning of 1952 the time of the Matins Service was changed from 9:15 A.M. to 9:00 A.M., with the Common Service remaining at 10:30 A.M.

On the day before Palm Sunday, 1952, the pastor and his family had the enjoyable experience of moving into the new and beautiful parsonage, erected by the prayers, efforts, and gifts of the members of St. Paul’s. An Open House was held in June.

Likewise, the pastor moved from his study in the Tower Room into the attractive and spacious new Church Office in the Parish House.

On Good Friday of 1952, the Communion Rail was dedicated as a gift of the Ladies’ Aid Society.

Now that the new building was nearing completion, the Brotherhood assumed the responsibility of landscaping the entire church property.

October 26, 1952, Reformation Sunday, was Dedication Day for the new Parish House, remodeled Parish House, and the new Parsonage. The Dedication Ceremony was conducted by Pastor Stolz. The Rev. Theodore Ohlrogge, newly installed President of the Wisconsin District of our American Lutheran Church, was the Festival Speaker.



Front View of Parsonage

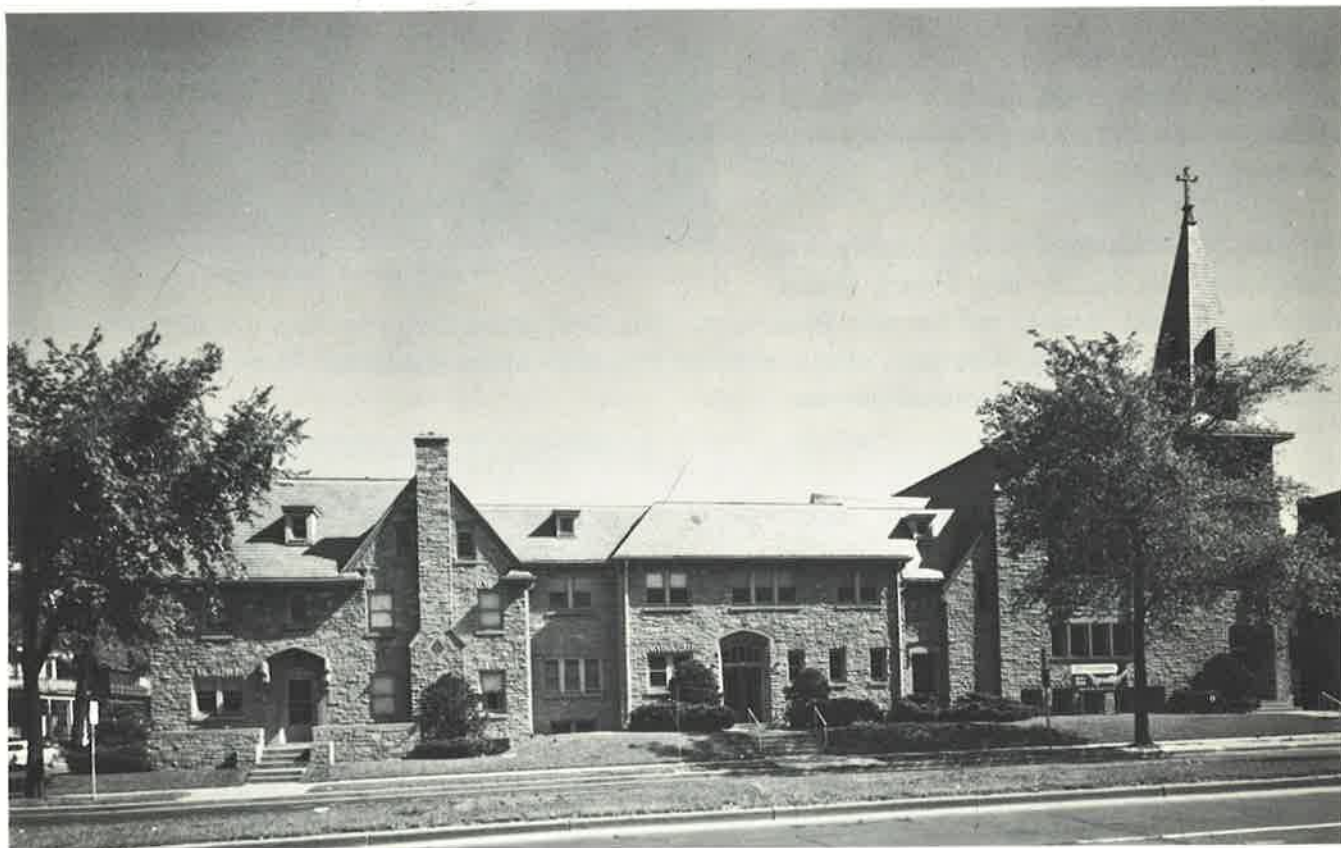


South View of Parish House, Dedicated in 1952

In the afternoon an Open House was held for the members of St. Paul's and their friends. During the ensuing week two Dedication Banquets were held. Entertainment was in the form of a Variety Program presented by the organizations of the Church. The Dedication Committee prepared a special Dedication Booklet, including pictures of our new building project, to serve as a souvenir of this important event.

In the closing months of 1954 the Church Interior was redecorated. This included the painting of the walls, redecoration of the chancel and sanctuary, a thorough cleaning of all art glass windows, installation of attractive radiator covers, and the complete refinishing of all our pews. A new boiler and oil heating unit for the Church was also installed. As a very fitting climax to this renovation project, a new Baptismal Font was dedicated on Sunday, May 29, 1955. This Baptismal Font was a gift from the members of the 1951, 1952, 1953, and 1954 Confirmation Classes.

It was again time for reflection, and St. Paul's congregation paused to give thanks to God for His having granted us fifteen more milestones of grace along our way as a congregation. Therefore, on September 26, 1956, we celebrated our 115th Anniversary. An Anniversary Banquet was held on Tuesday, September 18, at 6:00 P.M. in the Basement Auditorium. The Rev. Helmuth H. Hoessel, Pastor of St. Peter's Lutheran Church of Loganville, Wisconsin, was our banquet speaker. Festival Worship Services were held on Sunday morning, September 23, with the Rev. Alvin Matz, Pastor of St. Peter's Lutheran Church of Baltimore, Maryland, delivering the anniversary sermon. Both of these pastors are sons of our congregation.



South View of Church

In 1957 our American Lutheran Church promoted the theme of "Spiritual Growth in Five Dimensions". The purpose of this program was to stimulate spiritual growth, to encourage and promote greater interest and cooperation on the part of every member in the spiritual life and work of the congregation. A Loyalty Committee was formed, and its first responsibility was to recruit parish visitors. Each visitor was assigned a limited group of families whom they would visit regularly each year to encourage and promote our spiritual objectives. It was also their responsibility to visit and follow up delinquent families, to revive their interest and activity in the Church. This would strengthen the ties between our homes and the Church.

Although the structure of this Loyalty Committee, as well as its duties, have changed from time to time, this Committee still functions, making plans and preparations for Loyalty Months, observed each year during September and October. During these months special emphasis is placed on parish education, stewardship, commitment, missions, Holy Communion, laymen's ministry, and other related spiritual objectives. When the need arises for a Dedication Committee or, as in this particular instance, for an Anniversary Committee, this group serves in this capacity.

At the September, 1957, meeting of the congregation, it was decided to adopt the New Hymnal and Service Book which was published for use in all Synods of the National Lutheran Council. The cost was \$4.00 per copy, and it was estimated that we needed 450 copies. Members and families were urged to donate one or more copies as a personal gift to the congregation.

The churches of the National Lutheran Council in Milwaukee established a Campus Ministry program on the University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee Campus and at other schools in Milwaukee, and purchased a building known as the Milwaukee Lutheran Student Center. In order to help finance this purchase, our organist, Lee Gruenewald, gave an organ recital. A free-will offering was received, and this was turned over to the work of the Lutheran Campus Ministry.

In the Fall of 1959 the Greeters Group was organized. At each Worship Service a couple would serve as Greeters, for the purpose of assisting in welcoming our worshippers and especially our guests.

In April of 1960, at Minneapolis, Minnesota, our former American Lutheran Church, The Evangelical Lutheran Church, and The United Evangelical Lutheran Church merged to form our new American Lutheran Church. Our pastor was a delegate at this merging Convention.

God's hands upheld and blessed our congregation for another five years, and again St. Paul's celebrated, this time its 120th Anniversary. We certainly had abundant reason to assemble for special observance to bring heartfelt thanks to Almighty God for the myriad blessings He has showered upon us in the past, and to rededicate ourselves to the challenges of the present and future, in the service of Jesus Christ. Dr. Myron C. Austinson, President of the Southern Wisconsin District of the American Lutheran Church, delivered the anniversary sermons, in September of 1961.

In 1962 the new American Lutheran Church held its first General Convention in Milwaukee at the Auditorium from October 18-24. On Sunday, October 21, the leaders, delegates, and visitors at the Convention were invited to worship in the American Lutheran Churches of Milwaukee. This Sunday was designated as American Lutheran Church Sunday at St. Paul's, and the Rev. Gordon S. Huffman, D. D., of Washington, D. C., President of the Eastern District of our ALC, preached at our Services.



ALC General Convention Communion Service, 1962

Previous to the Convention, many hours of planning and preparation were spent on the part of the Planning Committee, on which Pastor Stolz served. Many of our members were also directly involved, serving as ushers, singing in the mass choir, participating in the Convention itself as delegates, and in many other ways.

These were days of great rejoicing. But, as Christians, we could not stand still. It was good to reflect on God's goodness, but we had to look forward and prepare for the future.



ALC General Convention, Milwaukee, October 18-24, 1962

*" 'Hitherto the Lord hath helped us',
This again our joyous song,
When in nineteen-sixty-one,
Though the way seemed oft so long,
God inspired His willing workers
Now to think of future days;
St. Paul's planned for education,
Trusting God for means and ways."*

Yes, more room was needed in which to carry on our Educational Program. At the Annual Meeting of the Congregation in December of 1961, the report of the Planning Committee in regards to the needs and possibilities of expanding our facilities was received. The Committee was authorized to engage an architect to prepare preliminary sketches for proposal to the congregation. The Committee secured the services of Mr. Hugo Logemann. He prepared preliminary drawings, which included a design for a new Parish House, the remodeling of our existing Sanctuary, and a new Kitchen. The Church Council studied these plans and decided to submit them to the congregation for consideration. A special meeting was called in September of 1962.

Through a congregational ballot our members voted their approval of the proposed change in time schedule for the Matins Service and Sunday Church School. This change became effective on Sunday, September 9, 1962: "The Matins Service and the Sunday Church School will begin at 8:45 A.M.; the Common Service will begin at 10:30 A.M."

At the special congregational meeting in September, 1962, preliminary sketches of proposed plans for the replacement of the old Parish House and remodeling of the Sanctuary were presented by the Planning Committee. The members authorized the appointment of a Building Committee and instructed the architect to prepare plans and specifications for the solicitation of bids by the following spring. After bids had been solicited, the project would be presented to the congregation for final decision.

Just one year later, September, 1963, the congregation voted to accept the proposal to build and remodel as presented by the Church Council through the Building Committee. It was hoped that work would be begun before the cold weather would come. Before the close of this calendar year, considerable progress was made in this building project. The old parish house was removed, excavation completed, and the foundation laid. It was hoped that the new facilities might be available for the beginning of the 1964 Fall Program of religious education and parish activities.

A Building Fund Committee was set up and given the responsibility of planning and promoting the solicitation of funds in the congregation.

Good progress was being made on our building program. Again we took time out for thanksgiving and praise to God. In June of 1963, we dedicated a bronze plaque in honor of the Servants of God who have served as pastors of St. Paul's since its organization in 1841. This plaque, listing their names and years of service, was mounted in the narthex. Families and relatives of these servants of God were invited to the Dedicatory Service, at which the Rev. Herbert Milius delivered the sermon.

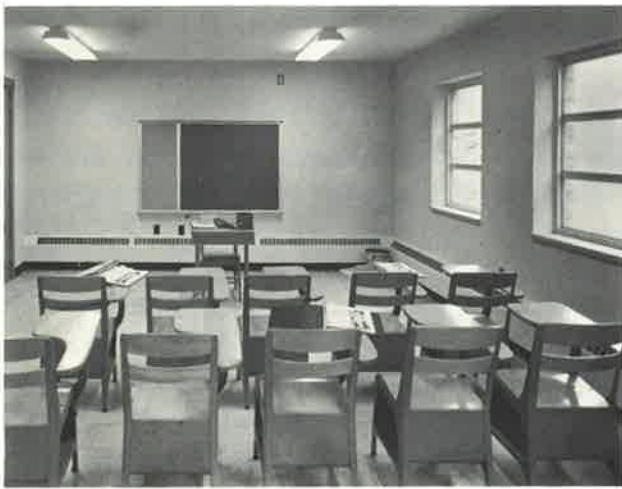
The long-awaited week arrived for dedicating our new Parish House and rededicating our remodeled Sanctuary to the glory of God and the service of His people at St. Paul's and in our community.



Church Lounge



Sunday School Office and Library



Class Room



Nursery



Fellowship Room



Kitchen

Dedicatory Services were held on Sunday, September 20, with Dr. C. Richard Evenson, Executive Director of the ALC Board of Parish Education, as the guest speaker; and Re-Dedicatory Services were held on Sunday, September 27, with the Rev. Herbert Nottbohm, Executive Assistant to the ALC President, as the guest speaker. On Sunday, October 4, an Open House was held from 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. for all friends and members.



Sanctuary

The Spiritual Growth and Dedication Committee prepared a booklet illustrating portions of our new Parish House and remodeled Church Interior, and highlighting our dedication festivities. A copy of this Dedication Booklet was sent into every home in the parish.



Remodeled Church Interior - 1964



North View of Parish House



West View of Parish House



And now, in September of 1966, we again realize that it is by God's grace alone that His Guiding Hand has upheld our congregation. We reflect on the 125 milestones of His grace along our way as a congregation, 125 years since that day when our forefathers established this Church in His Name to assure unto themselves and their descendants the Means of Grace. They established this congregation, laid the foundations, and built thereon. We have followed in their footsteps and have continued under God the fine work which they began. And now with joy in our hearts and songs of praise on our lips, we can celebrate this special Anniversary.



Anniversary Sign on Church Lawn

God has carried us on eagles' wings through this whole century and a quarter. He has blessed us again and again and used us as bold witnesses of His grace, love, and mercy among the people of this world, thus gathering many more souls unto Himself through our ministrations. May our future be as bright as His promises are sure: "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the age."

*"Praise to the Lord, Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth.
Hast thou not seen? All that is needful hath been,
Granted in what He ordaineth."*



The Church Council

FRONT ROW, left to right

Edmund Hoge, Deacon
Roy P. Hansen, Trustee
Donald F. Schneider, Treasurer
E. Helmuth Stolz, Pastor
Peter Ikusz, Deacon
Harold W. Draeger, President
R. Allen Kaisler, Deacon

MIDDLE ROW, left to right

Donald H. Weber, Trustee
Robert R. Grade, Trustee
Roy A. Schultz, Deacon
David I. Knoll, Trustee
Irvin L. Nordquist, Secretary

BACK ROW, left to right

Roland M. Johnson, Deacon
H. Kurt Aleithe, Vice President
Glenn R. Nordbeck, Deacon
Norman P. Seeger, Trustee

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PARISH EDUCATION

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*"Yes, in this house, an earthly frame,
Jesus the children is blessing;
Hither we come to praise His Name,
Faith in our Savior confessing;
Jesus to us His Spirit sent,
Making with us His covenant,
Granting His children the kingdom."*

St. Paul's Sunday Church School was organized on November 30, 1913, with a total enrollment of 98 pupils, taught by 14 teachers in 13 classes. Throughout the years, and especially during the past twenty-five years, many changes have occurred which affected the number of children being taught in our School. One of these is the fact that St. Paul's is located in the downtown area, an area which has changed from being a predominantly residential area, housing family groups, to one that has been replaced with many new apartment buildings. The occupants of these apartments in a great number of instances are single people or older couples, and the potential of children for our Church School has been greatly affected by this.

We at one time had an enrollment of about 300, but with the changes being brought about, such as are mentioned above, our present enrollment consists of about 200 pupils, taught by 27 teachers and 8 substitute teachers in 17 classes.

Since 1941, many changes and improvements were made in our Educational Program in the Sunday School. First of all, in 1948 a Teachers Training Program was again organized. This was a one year course, and everyone desiring to become a teacher in our Sunday School was required to take this course. Also, in order that the in-service teachers might avail themselves of this helpful training, schedules were set up to relieve a given number of teachers each year, in order that everyone, after several years, might have participated in this course.

In September of 1952, the High School Bible Class was organized. The young people were encouraged to enroll in this class after Confirmation and continue their Christian education. First, this consisted of one class, teaching a two-year course. In order for young people to become teachers in our Sunday School, they were required to spend two years in this High School Class and one year in the Teachers Training Class. As year after year, the young people were encouraged to continue their Christian education after Confirmation, this class grew and had to be divided. Soon a third class was added, and, as part of our Anniversary Year, the fourth class will be added. However, even prior to the addition of this fourth class, our young people are already spending four years in the High School Department of our Sunday School before going on into a Teacher Training or an Adult Bible Class.



ADULT AND HIGH SCHOOL DEPARTMENTS

Adult teacher, Wilma Georg; High School teachers, Earl Walter, Fred Lingenfelder, Mrs. William Krellwitz, Mrs. Joseph Paszkiewicz.

Our Sunday School program was also enlarged so as to include younger children. At the time of our 100th Anniversary, the starting age of children in our Sunday School was five. Shortly after that time, this starting age was changed to include those who are three and four years old. In September of 1960 our class for two-year olds was begun.



NURSERY AND KINDERGARTEN DEPARTMENTS

Nursery teachers, Mrs. Richard Krause, Mrs. Ingman Hilson, Mrs. Kurt Aleithe, Mrs. Gordon Radliff. Kindergarten teachers, Mrs. Arthur Kinney, Mrs. Gerald Debban, Geraldine Bielke, Mrs. Dennis Benjamin.

The Nursery Roll Department continues its work of contacting and keeping in touch with parents of infants, from the time these infants are baptized until they are eligible for enrollment in our Sunday

Church School. This Nursery Roll Department is headed by a member of our Sunday Church School Board, who is helped at the present time by twelve other women in carrying out responsibilities of providing the parents of 45 little ones with pre-Sunday School material.

A Nursery is also provided during both Sunday morning Services, where parents may leave their little ones if it is not feasible to take them along to the Service. Forty-five ladies of the congregation, serving in teams of two, watch over these little ones while their parents are attending the Service.

All activities of the Sunday Church School are directed by the Sunday Church School Board, which meets monthly. The teachers also meet monthly for the purpose of availing themselves of further study and enlightenment in God's Word, thus making them more effective in their teaching capacity.



SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL BOARD

STANDING (left to right): Pastor Stolz, Mrs. Clara Jungck, Glenn Nordbeck, Gordon Radliff. **SEATED** (left to right): Mrs. Donald Harr, Mrs. Lester Miller, Mrs. Joseph Paszkiewicz, Bernadine Anderson, Mrs. Leo Hoessel, Mrs. Joseph Karbel, Mrs. Thomas Milhans. Lester Miller was absent.

Prior to 1950, our Sunday Church School year ran parallel to that of the public school year, and no Sunday School was held during the Summer. In 1950 it was decided to have a Bible Hour Session for one hour prior to the Church Service. This was just one class, which all ages would attend, as well as any visitors who might like to do so, and very often consisted of audio-visuals. This had a very slow beginning, but in a few years, there were more and more children attending these sessions. In 1953 there no longer seemed any need for any kind of break in the Sunday School program, and now we have a year-round program without any change in schedule.

The most recent addition to our Sunday School curriculum has been the formation of a Special Class for those who need specialized help, and who cannot be taught in the regular set-up of classes. This class held its first session in May of 1963, and is open to all those who have special needs, whether they be members of our congregation or not.



SPECIAL CLASS

Teachers, Mrs. Clifford Wallace, Lester Miller. Mrs. Walter Schneider was absent.

In 1956 the Junior Worship Service was inaugurated at St. Paul's. This is incorporated into the Matins and includes the opening part of the Matins plus a Junior Sermonette. After the Sermonette and prayer, the children leave for their respective classrooms, and the Matins Service continues.



PRIMARY DEPARTMENT

Teachers, Donald Schneider, Mrs. Harold Draeger, Mrs. James Eastberg, Mrs. Stanley Ehardt, Mrs. George Mills.

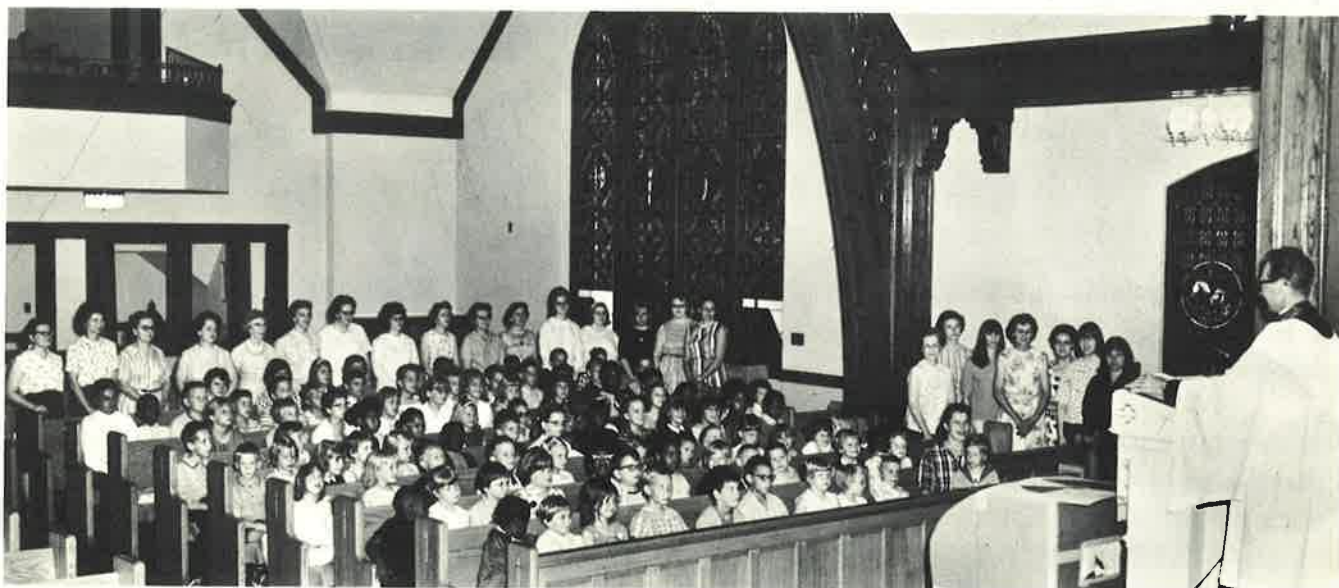
Every year during Advent our Sunday School children present a Christmas Program. They convey to their parents and friends the message of Christmas in the words of children. This always plays a vital role in helping all of us to prepare ourselves for the great Festival of Christmas, and especially for that Christmas when He comes to take us Home. A series of children's programs was written by Mrs. Joseph Paszkiewicz, used by our Sunday School during the past thirteen years.



JUNIOR DEPARTMENT

Teachers, Mrs. Donald Harr, Bernadine Anderson, Mrs. Otwell Grostad, Eileen Stolz.

The Sunday Church School Board conducts an annual Vacation Church School. This has grown tremendously throughout these years, and is becoming more and more a ministry to the children of the neighborhood. The enrollment in this School has grown over the years, and for the last several years we have served an average of 200 youngsters annually in this project. For several years school buses were hired to transport the youngsters to and from school. More recently it has been possible for us to provide this transportation with car-pools, a much more economical method.



Vacation Church School, 1966

As our projects for others in this School, our children give regularly in support of our ALC Benevolence Program. They have given to Foreign Missions as well as Home Missions, and have also helped the American Bible Society and the work of Lutheran World Action.

We have also, on occasion, supported a local project, such as:

- (1) Contributing to a mission congregation in Brown Deer in order that they could begin a Sunday School of their own;
- (2) Buying fifty Sunday School hymnals for another mission congregation in Tess Corners;
- (3) Buying \$100 worth of books to start a library for a mission congregation in Waukesha; and
- (4) This year beginning a two-year project of furnishing the Child Placement Room of Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin & Upper Michigan, when their new building is completed in July of 1967.



INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT

Teachers, Mrs. Lawrence Toomey, Harold Draeger, Sister Frances Ferguson.

Many faithful leaders and workers have made this work possible throughout these years. We thank God for His Guidance in directing these faithful leaders and workers to carry out their God-given responsibility.

An on-going part of our Parish Education is the instruction of the Junior and Senior Confirmation Classes, preparatory to Confirmation Day. Beginning this Fall, St. Paul's will begin using the new Trimester Junior High School Confirmation material, recently prepared and published by our American Lutheran Church. This is a new venture, and we believe this will be a step forward in providing our young people with a deeper and more thorough study of our Lutheran Church and its teachings, as based on the Word of God.



1966 Confirmation Class

During this twenty-five year period, 422 adults were brought into our fellowship of believers through Baptism and Confirmation, following instruction in the Adult Membership classes.

Christian Education is the practical application of God's Word as it is presented to us in the Bible and in our Worship Services. Without it, the Church would soon retrogress and finally cease to exist. Therefore, we pray that the Lord may continue to uphold our teaching ministry, providing for us willing workers and blessing their efforts as we go forward to fulfill His command of teaching others the way of salvation and Christian living.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS	
Al Bethke	1941-1942
Gregor Hoessel	1943-1943
Ray Voigt	1943-1944
Robert Kressin	1944-1948
Donald Weber	1948-1949
Johannes Lutz	1950-1951
Karl Meltz	1952-1955
Ruth Guldenstein	1956-1958
Mrs. William Krellwitz	1958-1962
Mrs. Joseph Karbel	1962-

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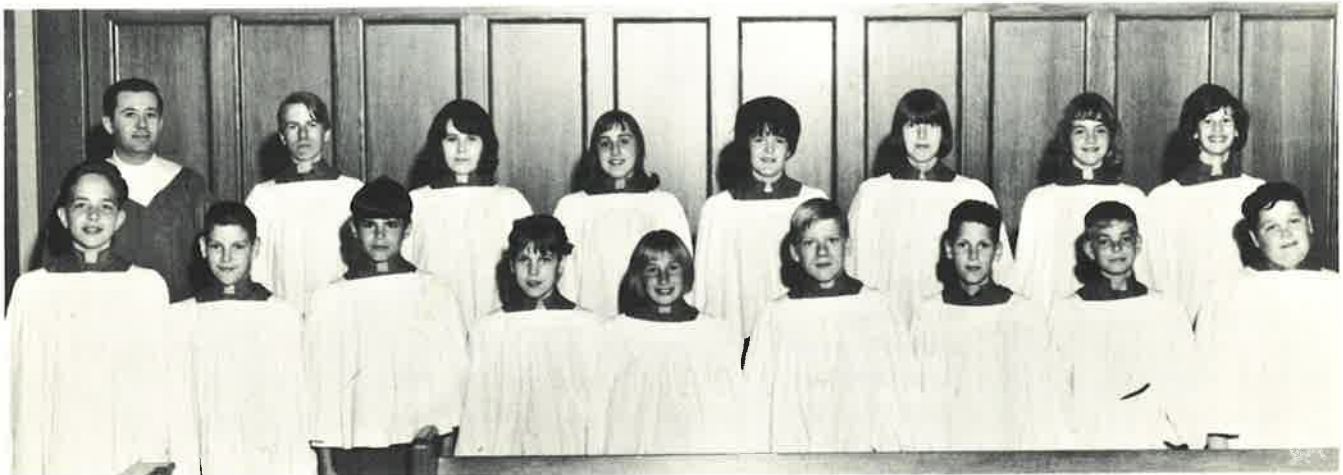
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*"Saints below with heart and voice
Still in songs of praise rejoice;
Learning here, by faith and love,
Songs of praise to sing above.*

*Hymns of glory, songs of praise,
Father, unto Thee we raise,
Jesus, glory unto Thee,
With the Spirit, ever be."*

Organ and choral music in the Worship Services, in addition to congregational singing, serves greatly to beautify the Services and make them more meaningful to the worshippers. St. Paul's has always been fortunate in having many fine singers participate in our choral program. Through the years to this day, we have enjoyed the faithful services of numerous Organists and Choir Directors. At present, we have two choral groups – the Junior Choir and the Senior Choir. The combined efforts of these groups and their talented and dedicated Organist and Director make worship at St. Paul's a truly inspiring experience.



JUNIOR CHOIR

FIRST ROW (left to right): John Krellwitz, Steven Flessner, Jonathan Draeger, Karen Grobe, Gail McClland, Dale Milhans, Roland Flessner, Jonathan Stolz, Michael Hilson. SECOND ROW (left to right): Earl Walter, Director, Gary Rossman, Michelle Beckman, Bette Amrhein, Carol Waite, Nadine Flessner, Jean Krellwitz, Lois Flessner.

In addition to the anthems, the Choirs each Sunday sing the Invitatory, the Introit, and the Gradual. For many years our Senior Choir sang with the mass choir of the National Lutheran Council at the Annual

Reformation Festival, held first at Cedarburg, and in later years in the Milwaukee Auditorium. Our Senior Choir was also part of the mass choir which sang at the Sunday Worship Service of the First General Convention of the American Lutheran Church held at the Milwaukee Auditorium in 1962.



SENIOR CHOIR

FIRST ROW (left to right): Mrs. Jerry Zimmerman, Kathy Wind, Mrs. James Eastberg, Mrs. Gerald Debban, Naomi Flessner, Mrs. Dennis Benjamin, Eileen Stolz. SECOND ROW (left to right): Earl Walter, Director, Norbert Schultz, Organist, Bette Kehl, Judy Erdman, Harold Draeger, Ray Dahl, Dorothy Faubel, Mrs. Fred Lingenfelder, Grace Kaisler, Eleanor Kaisler. THIRD ROW (left to right): Donald Weber, James Eastberg, Bruce Harr, Fred Lingenfelder, Philip Stolz. Absent, Marian and Sue Pera, Louisa Hoessel, Geraldine Free, Ellworth Beckman, Kathy Thrall.

Annually, the Choirs present their Christmas Concert on Christmas Eve, and their Easter Concert at the Easter Sunrise Service. At the time of the renovation of the Church interior in 1964, the Choirs presented a Sacred Concert, and the offering received was used to defray the cost of the two stained glass windows in the choir chancel.

ORGANISTS	
Robert Knueppel	1941-1949
Arthur Damkoehler	1949-1952
Elmer Dittmar	1952-1953
Annette Hoge	1953-1955
Lee Gruenewald	1955-1960
Mrs. Mary Wagner	1960-1960
Mrs. Robert Gamble	1960-1961
Norbert Schultz	1961-

CHOIR DIRECTORS	
Herbert Schwanke	1941-1943
Clyde Parnell	1943-1946
Norman Elliott	1946-1949
Arthur Damkoehler	1949-1952
Elmer Dittmar	1952-1953
Robert Kressin	1953-1957
Earl Walter	1957-

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ORGANIZATIONS

TO

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*"Ob, Jesus, I have promised
To serve Thee to the end;
Be Thou forever near me,
My Master and my Friend.
I shall not fear the battle
If Thou art by my side.
Nor wander from the pathway
If Thou wilt be my Guide."*

The auxiliary organizations of a Church are the working arm of the congregation in a spiritual, material, and social way. There are three chief kinds of organizations within a congregation generally, namely, those serving the men of the Church, the women, and the youth. Most organizations fall in one or the other of these categories, and so too at St. Paul's. First of all we have

* **THE AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH MEN** *

*"Rise up, O men of God! Have done with lesser things;
Give heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the King of kings.
Lift high the Cross of Christ! Tread where His feet have trod;
As brothers of the Son of Man, rise up, O men of God!"*



The American Lutheran Church Men

The ALCM operate on the four-fold plan, with emphasis on Devotion, Education, Services, and Fellowship, for the purpose of stimulating interest in the Kingdom of God among the men of St. Paul's, and furthering the effectiveness of the Church through this fellowship of men working in the Church.

The men at St. Paul's meet monthly, and in addition to their Bible Study, Educational, and Social Programs, they carry on various long-term projects. One of these is the Scouting Program. The men sponsor both a Boy Scout and a Cub Scout Group.



BOY SCOUTS

Hilbert Baumann, Scoutmaster, who also serves as Custodian at St. Paul's, and James Barrett, Committee Chairman.



CUB SCOUTS

Mrs. Beulah Kirby, Den Mother, and William Ruemler, Cubmaster.

As part of this Scouting Program, St. Paul's participates in awarding the Pro Deo et Patria Award to those boys who do the required work, as prescribed by Scouting Rules & Regulations of the Lutheran Church. The boys are required to give 150 hours of service to their Church, in addition to completing some project which they have chosen to make for their Church. They work very closely with the pastor in this regard, and it is the pastor who then recommends that these boys are eligible to receive the Award. Over the years, nine boys have received the Pro Deo et Patria Award at St. Paul's. Boys who have received this Award are: Norman Seeger and James Voelz, John Lehr and Jerry Zimmerman, Mark Voelz and James Kinney, James Draeger and Ellworth Beckman, and Keith Faubel.



Keith Faubel with his Scoutmaster, Hilbert Bauman, and Pastor Stolz.

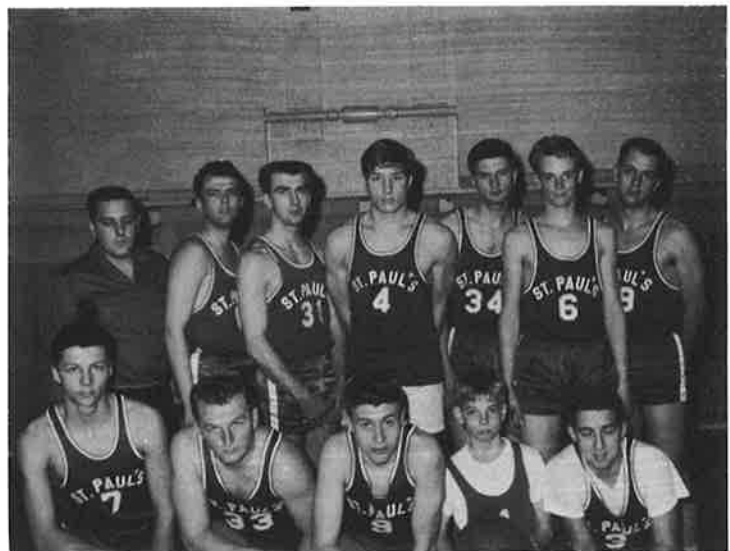
Another project for youth which the men now sponsor is a Basketball Team. Their record this Season was 7 wins and 3 losses.

As part of their recreational program, the men participate in a Bowling League. In the past, the men have had a very active Dartball Team. In fact, St. Paul's Dartball Team won the championship trophy for three years, and thus gained permanent possession of the Dartball Trophy, which is proudly displayed in our Trophy Case.

Every Fall the men themselves prepare and serve a Beef Dinner, and because of the good acceptance this annual event has received, they have for the past several years, in the Spring of the year, also served a Spaghetti Supper.

The landscaping of the Church property has been undertaken and carried out by the men of the Church numerous times. Another project is the outdoor decorations and lighting at Christmas time.

The Coffee-Fellowship periods after evening Vespers were begun in 1961, with the men of the Church serving as hosts.



BASKETBALL TEAM

FRONT ROW (left to right): Jerry Bayer, Dick Seymour, Keith Faubel, Jon Stolz "Mascot", Marty Harrison. SECOND ROW (left to right): Coach Peter Iksuz, Ken Schneider, Dave Schuckert, Dick Dreke, Paul Gugg, Philip Stolz, Bruce Harr.



Bowling Team

* THE USHERS GUILD *

*"Rise up, O men of God!
The Church for you doth wait,
Her strength unequal to her task;
Rise up and make her great!"*

In October of 1958 the Ushers Guild was formed. The Guild consists of six teams of men, each team made up of approximately six or seven men. A service schedule is set up, so that each team is assigned to serve at a given number of Services. The ushers, together with the greeters, welcome both members and friends to the Services, and in every way possible maintain good order.



The Ushers Guild

 * THE AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN *

*"Send me, Lord, where Thou wilt send me,
 Only do Thou guide my way;
 May Thy grace through life attend me,
 Gladly then shall I obey.
 Thine I am, O Lord, forever,
 To Thy service set apart;
 Suffer me to leave Thee never;
 Seal Thine image on my heart."*

In September, 1961, the women of the Church, regardless of the name of the group in which they served heretofore, became known as The American Lutheran Church Women. At St. Paul's this larger group is made up of four Circles, each of which works on a particular project:

NAOMI CIRCLE: Social Services for our congregation, such as visiting shut-ins, providing clothing for needy children in our Sunday School, service to families when ill, etc.

MARY-MARTHA CIRCLE: Care of Kitchen and Nursery, Visiting Shut-ins, Scholarship Fund, Gifts for Mutterdienst, Germany, and furnishing palms for Palm Sunday.

LYDIA CIRCLE: Care of Junior Choir Robes, cleaning of curtains and drapes, processing new books for Library, book repair, etc.

DORCAS CIRCLE: Sewing for Knollward and Shorehaven Homes at Oconomowoc, Lutheran Social Services, Milwaukee, and making quilts, etc.



The American Lutheran Church Women

The aim of the Auxiliary is to know and to do the Will of God. A monthly Bible Study is part of the program. Besides local projects, offerings amounting to approximately \$700 are sent annually to ALC headquarters for the work of the Church.

The care of the altar, the altar hangings, and the altar and sanctuary flowers is provided by an individual member of the Women of the Church. Another individual member of this group serves as Memorial Wreath Chairman.

Prior to the merger of The American Lutheran Church in 1960, the women of the Church belonged to the Ladies' Aid, the Women's Missionary Society, and the Dorcas Society. The Dorcas Society then, as now, sewed for various institutions and agencies of the Church at large. The Ladies' Aid did much in a financial way to aid the home congregation, such as donating the Communion Rail, buying the cassocks and surplices for the Junior Choir and the Acolytes, and buying new surplices and stoles for the pastor when these were needed, to mention only a few things. The Women's Missionary Society sought to inform themselves and others, particularly the children, through the Junior Mission Band, about our Church's mission fields, and to help these causes in a financial way.

Even before our 100th Anniversary, the Women's Missionary Society had begun building up a library, particularly for the use of the children of the Sunday School and its own members. But on Sunday, October 11, 1964, the long-awaited day finally came when this library became the Church Library with facilities of its own. Now this is a Library for all church members, not for two or three special groups as in the past. Since that day many fine books have been added to this original group, and more and more people are availing themselves of this additional educational feature.



THE LIBRARY BOARD

STANDING (left to right): Peter Iksuz, Leo Hoessel. SEATED (left to right): Mrs. William Krellwitz, Esther Hoge, Librarian, Mrs. Thomas Milhans. Louisa Hoessel was absent.

The Women of the Church meet monthly in their Circle meetings, and quarterly as the American Lutheran Church women.

With their new and modern kitchen, which was also a part of the 1964 building project, the women serve the Annual Easter Breakfast, the Annual Congregational Dinner, and at various other occasions when this service is needed. The women provide the special floral decoration of the Sanctuary both at Christmas and at Eastertime, and also underwrite the expenses involved in serving milk daily to the children of our Vacation Church School.

 * THE LUTHER LEAGUE *

*"We proudly bear as banner
 A cross within the heart,
 To show that we have chosen
 Christ, the better part.
 We've given our allegiance
 To serve without surcease
 The mighty Lord of armies
 And gentle Prince of Peace."*

The purpose of the Luther League is to unite the youth of our Church into one working body, to keep these young people together both on a social and an educational level, and to assist them in assuming leadership and other responsibilities in their own congregation and on a District and National level.

League meetings are scheduled for the third Sunday each month, with various activities between regular meetings. Every Summer the League sponsors an Ice Cream Social, serving the food, and presenting a program of entertainment for those who attend this gathering.



THE LUTHER LEAGUE
 Adult Leaders, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lingenfelder and Peter Ikusz.

The Leaguers act as hosts to Luther League Conventions, and thus extend this objective of uniting the youth of the Church into one working body beyond the confines of our own congregation.

With God's blessing, our League will continue to offer Christian fellowship for the young people of our Church, molding them and preparing them for that day when they become leaders in their congregation at St. Paul's or elsewhere.



THE ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

SEATED (left to right): Mrs. Mabel Paszkiewicz, Mrs. Ingman Hilson, Wilma Georg, and Kurt Aleithe.
STANDING (left to right): Harold Draeger, Roy Schultz, and Pastor Stolz.

A GRATEFUL ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The planning and arrangements for our 125th Anniversary Observance, and the preparation of this special Jubilee book, have required many months of dedicated time and effort on the part of the Anniversary Committee, that we might appropriately observe this event and give thanks to God in a memorable way.

The Church Council, in behalf of the Congregation, extends heartfelt thanks to each member who has served on this Committee: Miss Wilma Georg, Mrs. Mabel Paszkiewicz, Mr. Harold Draeger, Mr. Roy Schultz, Mr. Roy Hansen, Miss Nancy Stuart, Mr. Kurt Aleithe, and Mrs. Ingman Hilson. A special word of thanks goes out to Mrs. Mabel Paszkiewicz for extensive research and creative work in writing the history of St. Paul's recorded in this book, covering the past 25 years.

May we of the present, and the generations that will succeed us, find inspiration and challenge in these pages, to labor on devotedly for the glory of our Savior, Jesus Christ, and for the up-building of His Kingdom in our midst and throughout the world.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
The Church Council
Pastor E. Helmuth Stolz

125TH ANNIVERSARY OBSERVANCES

ANNIVERSARY AND PARISH EDUCATION SUNDAY

Sunday, September 11, 8:45 and 10:30 A.M.

Speaker: The Rev. Gerhardt Doermann, D.D., of Columbus, Ohio; Professor of Christian Education at the Evangelical Lutheran Theological Seminary.



Dr. Doermann

ANNIVERSARY AND STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

Sunday, September 18, 8:45 and 10:30 A.M.

Speaker: The Rev. Kenneth Priebe, D.D., of Minneapolis, Minnesota, Director of Stewardship and Finance of the American Lutheran Church.



Dr. Priebe

ANNIVERSARY FELLOWSHIP BANQUETS

Sunday, September 18, 6:30 P.M.

Wednesday, September 21, 6:30 P.M.

Identical Programs with Slides and Pictures illustrating interesting events in the past twenty-five years.

Emcees: Philip Stolz and Bruce Harr.

ANNIVERSARY AND COMMITMENT SUNDAY

Sunday, September 25, 8:45 and 10:30 A.M.

Speaker: The Rev. Alfred Ewald, D.D., of Dubuque, Iowa, President of Wartburg Theological Seminary.



Dr. Ewald

ANNIVERSARY AND WORLD-WIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY

Sunday, October 2, 8:45 and 10:30 A.M.

Speaker: Pastor E. Helmuth Stolz

ANNIVERSARY AND LUTHERAN WELFARE SUNDAY

Sunday, October 9, 8:45 and 10:30 A.M.

Speaker: The Rev. Paul A. Boe of Minneapolis, Minnesota, Executive Director,
Board of Charities, American Lutheran Church.



Rev. Boe

ANNIVERSARY AND LAYMEN'S SUNDAY

Sunday, October 16, 8:45 and 10:30 A.M.

Speakers: Laymen

Roast Beef Dinner: 5:00 to 7:00 P.M.

ANNIVERSARY AND MISSION SUNDAY

Sunday, October 23, 8:45 and 10:30 A.M.

Speaker: The Rev. Paul G. Piottter, Pastor of Immanuel-Trinity Lutheran Church,
Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, and Vice President of our Southern Wisconsin
District, ALC.



Rev. Piottter

ANNIVERSARY AND REFORMATION SUNDAY

Sunday, October 30, 8:45 and 10:30 A.M.

Speaker: The Rev. Alvin Matz, Pastor of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Baltimore,
Maryland.



Rev. Matz

UPHELD BY GOD'S HAND

Upheld by God's Almighty Hand,
Our fathers left their native land.
They could not, for their conscience sake,
In a forced union now partake
With others, for they disagreed
With them in doctrine and in creed.

They were imprisoned for their stand,
But even there God's Mighty Hand
Upheld and helped them find a way
To leave that fatherland. So they
Set out to find, across the seas,
A land for worship, as they would please.

And so, by His own Guiding Hand,
God brought them safely to this land.
They suffered loss; did not despair
Though there were hardships, toil, and care.
Some chose to make the East their home,
While others farther West did roam.

And thus St. Paul's Church was begun
In eighteen-hundred-and-forty-one
By this small group of Christian men
Who now could worship God again
In such a manner as they chose.
God's Hand upheld them 'gainst all foes.

God's Hand had led them all the way;
And through these years, yes, day by day,
His Guiding Hand upheld us, too.
As we did seek His Will to do.
We, too, had problems, great and small,
But trusted God to care for all.

So, on this Anniversary Day,
Our praises sing; our thanks we say
To God, Who by His Guiding Hand
Upholds us, so that firm we stand.
Let future days be dark or bright,
God's Guiding Hand will lead aright.

- Mrs. Joseph Paszkiewicz

LEAD ON, O KING ETERNAL!

