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OBITUARY OF REV. HENRY C. ARNDT.

Henry Carl Arndt, Son of August and Johanna Arndt, was born in St. Paul, Minn. on the 23rd of July, 1903. Soon after his birth his Christian parents attended to his rebirth in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. In his youth he attended St. John's Luth. Parish school at St. Paul, and in 1917 he renewed his Baptismal vow in Confirmation at St. John's Altar. In the Fall of 1917 he entered St. Paul's Luther College, to prepare for his chosen calling as a minister of the Lord. In June 1926 he was graduated from the Ev. Lutheran Seminary at Tanwatosia, and in the month of August he began active work in the Lord's vineyard, here in Detroit, that culminated in the founding and steady growth of Mt. Olive Luth. Congregation. On June 17th of the following year, 1927 he was united in marriage to Frieda Schlachtenhaufen. The union, although brief, was a happy one, and especially blessed by the Lord with two children. After 5½ years of faithful service Pastor Arndt preached his last sermon to the congregation he had gathered on "God's Blessing in Sorrow and failures". On Tuesday, Mar. 1st he was confined to his bed with Influenza. On Saturday, Mar. 5 Pneumonia set in, and he was removed to Ev. Deaconess Hospital, where he received the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the strengthening of faith. Upon his removal to the Hospital, his wife, who had been ill with Influenza also, suffered a relapse. She too contracted Pneumonia, and after having received the Sacrament of Holy Communion on Tuesday eve, she unexpectedly departed this life on Thursday noon, Mar. 10. On last Monday her earthly remains were placed into a vault at Evergreen Cemetary. Meanwhile the Pastor's condition wavered between favorable and unfavorable, until yesterday, March 17, at 8:35 P. M. the Lord and Shepherd of his life called him from the church militant to the church triumphant.

His passing is mourned by his two infant children, Lucille 4, and Robert 3. His father, August Arndt and his stepmother, Anna Arndt, one brother Arthur, and two sisters, Mrs. Emma Meyer and Marie Diener. His Parents in Law, Mr. & Mrs. Ed. Schlachtenhaufen, His brothers in law, Waldemar, Erwin and Bruno, his Sisters in law, Mrs. Doemier, a host of other Relatives, his immediate congregation and many other friends.

He entered into glory without the knowledge that his wife had preceeded him there. In his last conscious moments he was visited by his Pastor. He satisfied himself as to the comfort of his wife and the well-being of his children, and especially asked me to bear his undying love to every member of his congregation. I take this opportunity to fulfill this trust. He requested the reading of the 23rd Psalm, and after a short prayer went to sleep. His departure followed in the early evening. I may say his conduct during his trial was inspiring, to have attended a Christian of his degree of faith was a pleasure to be envied.

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Rev. Arndt's Obituary. (2)

His heart and soul were with Mt. Olive Congregation to the last. It was his one great passion. His members, who will do him honor, can express their love for him in no nobler way than to dedicate their lives to the continued growth and well-being of the church he founded. May they labor on in unity and peace, where he left off, and build it as an undying memorial to his name and faithful service.

The earthly remains of both Rev. and Mrs. Arndt will be sent to their former home, St. Paul, Minn. On Palm Sunday a double funeral service will be held in St. John's Luth. Church, where your former Pastor was baptized, confirmed and ordained into the Holy Ministry. From there their mortal bodies will be carried to their final resting place.

May Our Lord, Jesus Christ inspire us through memory of them to strive for and remain faithful to the Savior, whom they served.

Mrs. Arndt's Obituary.

Frieda Johanna, nie Schlachtenhaufen,
Born Nov. 12, 1903 in Fernando, Mc Cloud Co., Minn.
Baptized there soon after.
Confirmed in Lake Elmo.
Married June 17, 1927.
Died Mar. 10, 1932.
Funeral Service- Detroit- Mar. 14, 1932.
Funeral Service St. Paul Mar. 20, 1932.

It might be briefly stated that Rev. Eckert conducted the altar service at Mrs. Arndt's funeral, and Rev. Peters the sermon, found in Deut. 32:39. A beautiful solo was rendered by Mrs. Albert Pollum.

Rev. Wacker conducted the altar service at Rev. Arndt's funeral, and Rev. Peters again addressed the people, his text being taken from Jeremiah 29:11. Mrs. Albert Pollum sang, "The Beautiful Garden of Prayer". Rev. Heyn and Rev. Fackler spoke very beautifully of Rev. Arndt's integrity and helpfulness in behalf of the Pastoral Conference of Greater Detroit, and the latter placed in their behalf also, a Memorial Treath upon the Casket. The Obituary by Rev. Wacker as printed above followed. At both these services the church was crowded, many not being able to enter. Both services were attended by Rev. Arndt's brethren in the ministry.

Friday night Mr. A. Arndt, Rev. Arndt's brother accompanied the two bodies to St. Paul, arriving at 9:30 P M Saturday. Sunday morning from 8 to 12, they were lying in state in the undertaking parlors there an electric organ playing softly during that time. From 1 to 2:30 P M Sunday, they were lying in church, which is a beautiful spacious edifice, and with 1600 seating capacity, most every seat was filled. Being Palm Sunday, the Palms, Easter Lilies, and Flowers surrounded and served as a back-ground for the caskets, in which Rev. and Mrs. Arndt were sleeping, as a bridal couple. The choir sang, "Whatever God Ordains is Best". The congregation sang two songs, one being, The Lord is My Shepherd. Rev. Plocher, the pastor for over 25 years, preached on Rom. 14, 7-8-9, and Rev. Arndt's confirmation verse, Math. 10, 32-33. Tremblingly he looked up and prayed, "Lord open my lips that I may speak and give my heart courage and strength to bear this burden". He then told the congregation that he was now facing his hardest task in life, it seeming like burying his own son. The short but comforting sermon followed. They are now resting in the St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery until the Lord will call all of us to Him in Heaven.

Mr. Roberts, moved, Mr. Gerstenschlager
 seconded the motion that a resolution
 of thanks be adopted into our minutes
 expressing our appreciation to the Detroit
 City Pastoral Conference, to Rev. Peters,
 Rev. Heyn, Rev. Wacker, Rev. O. Eckert,
 Rev. Decker, to the Mission Board of
 the Michigan District and to the many
 friends of Rev. Arndt and his wife;
 and of our church, for their service, aid
 and counsel during the days of our
 sorrow.

Vote carried.

Mr. Roberts, moved, Mr. Mecke seconded
 the motion that Mrs. Parent, Mrs. O.
 Olson, into church membership.

Vote carried.

Mr. H. Engelman Mr. Gerstenschlager
 seconded the motion that Mrs. Otto Krueger
 become a voting member of the church
 upon signing the constitution.

Vote carried.

Mr. Mecke moved, Mr. Dehn
 seconded the motion that a special
 meeting of the voting and communicant
 members of the church be held Monday
 evening, April 4, for the purpose of
 calling a pastor.

Vote carried.

Jan 1, 1933

Officers and Church Council

At its annual meeting (on the second Monday in December) the congregation shall elect by ballot its trustees and ^{other} church officers.

b. In accordance with the laws of the state of Michigan the congregation elects by ballot at its annual meeting a board of trustees, consisting of three members, which board of trustees shall control the corporate property according to the direction as given by the congregation. The term of one third of the members expires at the end of each year, and the vacancy must be refilled by election. The president, the ~~treasurer and~~ secretary, and the treasurer of the congregation are to be members outside of this board. These officers are also to be elected by ballot at the annual meeting of the congregation and are to hold office for one year. The board of trustees ~~with~~ ^{and} these duly elected church officers with the pastor constitute the church council of which the pastor is the chairman.

c. The duties of the church council are the following: (1) they shall adorn their high office with an honest conduct and be good examples to the congregation;
 (2) they shall aid the pastor in the spiritual affairs of the church;
 (3) they shall pay regard to good order in the services;
 (4) they shall particularly care in love for the poor, the sick, the widows & orphans.

The trustees shall have the custody and control of the corporate property and make such rules and regulations as they may deem expedient for the improvement of the church property, and they may sell, mortgage, lease, or otherwise convey or dispose of the property of the church, provided, however, that a resolution authorizing such sale, mortgaging, leasing, conveying or disposing of said property shall first have been adopted by a vote of the majority of the members present at the meeting of said corporation, subject, however, to the constitution and by-laws of the corporation.

The trustees shall have power to buy requisites for the church property and borrow money in case of necessity to defray current expenses. They shall, however, not have improvements or repairs made to an amount exceeding fifteen (\$15.00) without first obtaining the consent of the congregation.

Note: If any member of this ~~board~~ council wilfully neglects his duty, and upon due admonition does not amend, the congregation in such case has the right, and eventually the duty, to remove him from his office and elect another to take his place.

Amended Art. 12

WHEN COMMUNED

Communion records at the transition from Pastor Arndt and Pastor Stern

NAMES OF COMMUNICANTS

No.	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937	1938
✓	Engelmann Hermann	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	15	2	12	12	1
"	Mrs.	X	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	1235	135	12	12	12
✓	" Lillian							235	135	1	1	1 (Se)
✓	Engelmann John							135	1	3	3	16
"	Mrs.							1235	1234	134	135	16
✓	Hazel							1235	1234	16	135	Mrs. G.
✓	Sprikson Edward											47
✓	" Margaret Mrs nee Margaret Stern											7
	Eudlich Ervil											
"	" Mrs.											
	Elquist Neotoma											
	Finch Ed.											
"	Mrs.											
✓	Finke Charles											

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Bay City; also his reply to the same.

The pastor read each letter he had received from the Mission Board members regarding the building of the basement and his reply to each communication.

After some general discussion of the charges made by the Mission Board against the congregation and Rev. Stern in particular: The church council upon the motion of Mr. Mittelstadt & second by Mr. Joad, resolved:

The church council take cognizance of the charges placed against the pastor by the District President's and feels that it also is responsible for the same in the same degree, and that any action taken in the matter should be assumed jointly. Vote carried.

A copy of the foregoing resolutions has been placed in Rev. Stern's hands.

There being no further business to transact the meeting adjourned by praying the Lord's Prayer and receiving the blessing.

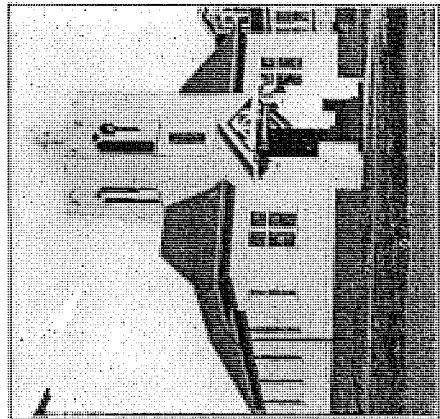
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Church Council
1937
Concerning charges brought against
Pastor Stern

Order of Service

at the Dedication

OF THE



Eu. Lutheran Mission Chapel

RADNOR AVENUE AT MACK AVENUE
DETROIT, MICHIGAN

—o—

H. C. ARNDT, Pastor - 3998 Nottingham Road

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Sunday, April 24, 1927

Afternoon Service

The congregation, assembled in front of the new Chapel, the Organists and choirs at the entrance, the service shall begin at 3:00 o'clock.

The following order of service shall be observed:

Pastor: Let us begin our service in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

The congregation shall then join in singing:

1. Open now Thy gates of beauty,
Zion, let me enter there,
Where my soul in joyful duty,
Waits for Him who answers prayer:
Oh, how blessed is this place,
Filled with solace, light, and grace.
2. Yes, my God, I come before Thee,
Come Thou also down to me,
Where we find Thee and adore Thee.
There a heaven on earth must be.
To my heart, oh, enter Thou,
Let it be Thy temple now.

the pastor:

ernal God, who dwellest in the high and holy place and with him also that is of
ite and humble spirit, we beseech Thee, graciously look upon us and let us enter
y house with Thy blessing, through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

ow shall deliver the keys to the pastor, who then shall say:

as, by the grace of God, who made heaven and earth.

erewith open the gates of this house to dedicate this house of
in accordance with the Confessions of our Church, for the administration and
e Holy Sacraments according to the institution of our Lord Jesus Christ, and
ing to God's glorious Majesty the sacrifice of prayer and thanksgiving in the
the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

ow shall unlock the door, and the same shall be opened by the ushers. The
all say:

your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors; and the
lory shall come in. Open ye the gates, that the righteous nation which keep-
uth may enter in. O come let us sing unto the Lord; let us make a joyful
he rock of our salvation. The Lord bless our coming in and our going out
time forth even forevermore. Amen.

ion shall now proceed to enter the new chapel.
congregation silently prays and is occupying the seats, the pastors enter the
und deposit the Bibles and Book of Forms.

Hymn:

1. Open stand Thy gates of beauty,
Zion, I have entered there,
Where my soul in joyful duty,
Waits for Him who answers prayer;
Oh, how blessed is this place,
Filled with solace, light, and grace.
2. Yes, my God, I come before Thee,
Come Thou also down to me;
Where we find Thee and adore Thee,
There a heaven on earth must be
To my heart, oh, enter Thou,
Let it be Thy temple now.

Act of Dedication:

The Pastor, assisted by the visiting pastors.

Selection

Trio of the Mission

Hymn:

1. Father, again in Jesus' name we meet,
And bow in penitence beneath Thy feet;
Again to Thee our feeble voices raise,
To sue for mercy; and to sing Thy praise.
2. Oh, we would bless Thee for Thy ceaseless care,
And all Thy work from day to day declare!
Is not our life with hourly mercies crowned?
Does not Thine arm encircle us around?

Altar Service:

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor: Confession of Sins.

Congregation: O Christ Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of world, have
mercy upon us!

Pastor: Absolution.

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor: Glory be to God on high.

Congregation: And on earth peace, good will toward men.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And with thy spirit.

Pastor: Let us pray.

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor: Reading of Scripture Lesson. And Hallelujah!

Congregation: Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

Pastor and Congregation: Apostles' Creed.

Congregation: Amen, Amen, Amen.

1. Holy, holy, Lord, God Almighty!
Early in the morning our songs shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore Thee,
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!

2. Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea,
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Which wert, and art and evermore shalt be.

3. Holy, holy, holy! Lord, God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!

- - - - - Pastor Jehovah-Zion Congregation
and Lord's Prayer—Pastor and Congregation - Rev. H. E. Heyn
- - - - - Church of Our Savior Choir
- - - - - Mr. Aug. Trapp, Director, at the Organ - Rev. H. H. Hoenecke

Offering for the Mission Hymnal Fund
of Offering by Pastor

1. A mighty Fortress is our God,
A trusty Shield and Weapon;
He helps us free from ev'ry need
That hath us now o'ertaken.
The old evil Foe
Now means deadly woe;
Deep guile and great might
Are his dread arms in fight.
On earth is not his equal.
2. With might of ours can naught be done,
Soon were our loss effected;
But for us fights the Valiant One,
Whom God Himself elected.
Ask ye, Who is this?
Jesus Christ it is,
Of Sabaoth Lord,
And there's none other God.
He holds the field forever.

Let us pray.

ation: Amen.

Benediction

ation: Amen, amen, amen.

Let me be Thine forever,
Thou faithful God and Lord
Let me Forsake Thee never.
Nor wander from Thy Word;
Lord do not let me waver,
But give me steadfastness,
And for such grace forever
Thy holy name I'll bless.

The building of this Chapel was made possible by the Church Extension Fund of the Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod of Wisconsin and other States. Through the joint efforts of the Mission Board, the friends of the Mission and the Pastor, the ideal church site, a large triangle fronting on the Radnor Avenue approach was acquired, and the building erected. The total cost of the property and chapel is less than \$6,400.00, a figure which seems almost impossible. It must be added here that the Mission was signally blessed in the erection of this building. The Mission being still in its infancy and not organized as a congregation, little could be expected locally. Still the friends of the Mission, being eager to have a House of God in their neighborhood, offered to assist in the erection of the building. Mr. F. H. Spier, well known throughout Michigan as a church architect, drew the plans and furnished the complete blue prints for the chapel gratis. The plans were considered by the friends of the Mission and the wish expressed that the chapel be built by the local people, each working at it according to his trade. A local builder offered to resume the responsibilities which a contractor would otherwise have in supervising the work. Sub-contracts were given out, and again it was found that in nearly every case special reductions and donations were given to the Mission.

Nine weeks after the work of building had begun the first service was held in the new Chapel.

The whole work of building the Chapel was as gratifying to all concerned as the mission work itself—a blooming vine in the vineyard of the Lord.

The interior of the Chapel was furnished by the friends of the Mission, both through individual donations and the liberal offerings at the services, and by other congregations.

The list of individual donations and donors is given below in the order in which they were announced to the pastor.

Organ	- - - - -	Congregation of Rev. H. Cares, Greenwood, Mich.
Candle Sticks for the Altar	- - - - -	Church of Our Savior—Rev. H. Hoenecke, Pastor
Electric Lighted Cross on the Tower	- - - - -	The Sunday School
(The Offerings of the Children Were Wonderful and Surpassed the Necessary Amount.)		
Altar, Pulpit and Number Board	- - - - -	Congregation of Rev. J. Nicolai, Adrian, Mich.
Redecorating of the Altar and Pulpit	- - - - -	Mr. E. Dhont
Sanctuary Carpeting and Gold Altar Crucifix	- - - - -	Mr. and Mrs. W. Ebert
Sanctuary Chair for Pastor and Miscellaneous Articles	- - - - -	Mr. and Mrs. H. Gerstenschlager
Pulpit Bible	- - - - -	Misses Dorothy and Mildred Richter
Rocking Chair for Ladies' Room	- - - - -	Mrs. E. Finch
Table and Chair for Instruction Room	- - - - -	Miss Pauline Kriewall
Baptismal Font	- - - - -	Mr. P. Kriewall
Console Table for Ladies' Room	- - - - -	Mrs. P. Richter
Large Hymnal for the Sanctuary	- - - - -	The Confirmation Class of 1927
Altar Bible and Offering Plates	- - - - -	Jehovah-Zion Congregation—Rev. H. E. Heyn, Pastor
Book of Forms	- - - - -	Mr. and Mrs. F. Buhro
Mirrors in Ladies' and Gents' Rooms	- - - - -	Mrs. P. Kriewall
Cash Donation Toward Property	- - - - -	Mr. E. Finch
Cash Donation	- - - - -	Mrs. Payne

1. Now thank we all our God
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom His world rejoices.
Who from our mother's arms
Hath bless'd us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.
2. O may this bounteous God
Through all this life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in His grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.
3. All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given
The Son, and Him who reigns
With them in highest heaven:
The One eternal God,
Whom earth and heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore!

Rev. H. C. Richter

The Lord is in His holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him.

ion: Amen.
et us pray.
ion: Amen.

Reading of Scripture Lesson. Hallelujah!
ion: Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

ise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
my soul praise Him, for He is thy Health and Salvation!
Join the full throng;
ake, harp, and psalter and song;
und forth in glad adoration.

aise to the Lord, who doth visibly bless and defend thee;
ho, from the heavens, the streams of His mercy doth send thee;
Ponder anew
hat the Almighty can do,
with His love He befriended thee!

aise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him!
that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
He is thy Light;
ul, keep it always in sight,
idly forever adore Him!

Jehovah-Zion Choir

Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
Present Helper in all need,
Praised by all the heavenly host,
By whose power and might alone
All is made, and wrought, and done.

2. And we believe in Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Mary's Son,
Who from heaven above came down,
And leads us to heaven's throne;
By whose blood and death are we
Rescued from all misery.

3. And we confess the Holy Ghost,
Who from both fore'er proceeds;
Who upholds and comforts us
In the midst of fears and needs,
Blest and Holy Trinity,
Praise forever be to Thee!

Sermon - - - Rev. O. Eckert, Chairman of the Mission Board
Prayer and Lord's Prayer - - - By Pastor and Congregation
Selection - - - - - Jehovah-Zion Choir

Thanks Offering for the Mission Hymnal Fund

Hymn:

1. Saviour, again to Thy dear name we raise
With one accord our parting hymn of praise;
Once more we bless Thee ere our worship cease;
Then lowly bending, wait Thy word of peace.
2. Grant us Thy peace upon our homeward way;
With Thee began, with Thee shall end the day;
Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
That in this house have called upon Thy name.
3. Grant us Thy peace throughout our earthly life,
Our balm in sorrow, and our stay in strife,
Then, when Thy voice shall bid our conflict cease,
Call us, O Lord, to Thine eternal peace.

Pastor: Let us pray.

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor: Benediction.

Congregation: Amen.

God Be With You Till We Meet Again

Doxology

Irma Richter

Jehovah and Zion Lutheran Churches

Detroit, Michigan

H. E. HEYN, PASTOR
RESIDENCE, 3755 SEYBURN AVENUE
TELEPHONE MELROSE 1943

Dear Brother:

Your letter of May 25 is at hand. I am certainly glad that we are going to have another man for Detroit. There is so much work and the opportunities so great that we would have more help. Since you are called and will be with us in ^{the} near future I extend a hearty welcome to you to Detroit and into our midst.

In answer to your questions I will first tell that the territory you are to work in has been worked quite a while ago and had to be abandoned because we could not ^{get} no more men ^{nor} money from the Mission board at that time. But we held the field that is we kept the other bywords and claiming that our field. At that time we preached in an old school-house which is no more. We have no place in view now but will get something. Do not worry about that. There is a good class of people in that locality.

You will have the honor of starting at the bottom and build up. - You will find the work very interesting and without jeat. - The mission board will pay your expenses here I am sure. It will be best I think to send your books etc. to my place. When you get here you can find a rooming place that will be convenient for you. I saw the members of the mission board the day I got your letter. They told me the call is ready and that you should receive it in a few days. If it does not come at once do not worry as they are not so fast.

Detroit, Mich., May 10, 1926.

Mr. H.C. Arndt,
Wauwatosa, Wis.,

Dear Friend:

Your letter of inquiry has been received. I shall try to answer your questions as best I can.

It is news to me that we are to have a new pastor, or as you say two, for Detroit. So far as I knew after Rev. Mielke had been unsuccessfully called the matter of calling was dropped. Well I am glad to know that a student has now been called for the mission field here.

The field where you no doubt are to work is in the eastern end of the city, called Grosse Pointe. It is only about 12 miles from my field. Your nearest neighbor of our Synod will be Rev. Heyn. I have never helped to canvass the field, nor have I preached there. But I know that section to some extent, it is quite thickly populated and shows signs of becoming densely populated in the next few years. When the other pastors canvassed the field five years ago I am told that they found enough Lutheran and other folk who were interested in seeing a church go in to that section. But as Synod funds were low all this time nothing definite was ever started there. I understand that Mo. Synod has been planning to start there soon if we would not soon get started there. Judging from that I believe that the field will warrant our placing a man there. As to the people who live there I am not in position to tell you about them, I suppose however that they are of the same type as the people in my territory, mostly workingmen. So far as I know it is not a Catholic section, so there should be enough material for a Lutheran Church. But that can be determined better after another canvass is made. The request of the mission board is that we the local pastors do that very thing before the new man comes. I will see to this matter, but will first have to hear from the chairman of the board.

To avoid any misunderstanding, The pastors Heyn, Richter, Schmelzer, the latter my predecessor here canvassed the field, also preached there for a number of months, and say that they had good results, and are sorry that because of the lack of funds things had to be dropped again. The return of moneys from Rev. Heyn's and our church has now made possible the starting of a number of other missions in Detroit. We could now have at least ten missions, all doing nicely, if the necessary funds had been available.

As to the time of your starting there. Aug 4 you say, could that not be a possible mistake. I understood that a man was expected to start there very shortly after being called. But that no doubt is what the mission board has decided.

Where to live. Have no fear of that. There are plenty of places to room and board, But you will not have to be doing that for too long a spell.

I know exactly

if I know things correctly. The plan as I understood it was to first canvass the field, then determine where the best location for the church would be next to buy enough property for church and parsonage, then to erect a semi bungalow, using the lower floor for church purposes and the upper for residential purposes. That's why I say you won't be rooming and boarding for too long a spell. The more action you show on the job, and the fixed warrants the expense, the sooner will the Mission board find itself willing to see that you have both a proper church or chapel and also living quarters. I can tell you that the local board is pretty fair and square.

bvvg

If what I have written to you does not fully satisfy you, I want you to write again for further information. Trusting however that you will find your questions answered here,

I am,

sincerely yours,

Hugh H. Howes

Jenera, O(hio) July the 24, 1926

Rev. H. Arndt!

St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Brother!

First, may I ask to be excused for letting you wait so long for an answer. There are different reasons for the delay; the chief one being that I assumed that the new chairman of our Board should write to you.

But now to the matter. You most likely expect a detailed report concerning your future work. However, I neither can, nor do I wish to give you such. I will share with you only this, that you will work in a new mission field in Detroit - a city of a million people. Already for several years the field has been chosen by us, with the consent of the Missouri brethren stationed in Detroit. It should be a field rich in prospects. Two weeks ago I was convinced that the part of the city we're concerned about has been largely built up in the past year. Complete parts of the city have grown like mushrooms, out of the ground. Pastor Heyn says that he also has members living in the vicinity, whom he will likewise transfer to you.

I will explain details to you after your arrival in Detroit. Come as soon as you can. For the time being you may stay with Pastor H. Hoenecke until you have found permanent quarters. His present address is 9831 Dundee Ave. Take the Grand River (street) car and ride to Dundee. It's about six miles from the city hall out Grand River. Get off at Dundee and go right one block to the first corner, where a new church is being built. Hoenecke lives next to the church.

We in the Commission (Mission Board?) have decided that you should be ordained in one of our churches in Detroit - probably by Pastor Heyn. Pastor Peters, a member of the Praesidium, will deliver the sermon. Pastor Heyn, with the assistance of the other brethren, will carry out the ordination.

Write to Hoenecke and Pastor Peters of Wayne, Mich., and tell them when you think you will come to Detroit and when the ordination will take place. Peter's address is Wayne, Mich. The sooner you come, the better it will be.

Wishing you joy and God's blessing
in your work.

J. Gauss

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Jenera, O den 24. Juli 1926.

Rev, H. Arndt!

St. Paul , Minn.

Lieber Bruder!

Zuerst moechte ich um Entschuldigung bitten dass ich Sie so lange auf Antwort warten liess. Es sind verschiedene Gruende der Verzoegerung; Hauptgrund war der, dass ich annahm der neue Vorsitzer unserer Kommission sollte an Sie schreiben.

Doch nun zur Sache. Sie erwarten wohl einen ausfuehrlichen Bericht ueber die Ihnen bevorstehende Arbeit. Doch solchen kann und will ich Ihnen nicht geben. Nur das will ich Ihnen mitteilen, dass Sie in der Millionen - Stadt Detroit ein neues Missionsfeld aufarbeiten sollen. Das Feld ist von ^{uns} und, mit Zustimmung der in Detroit stationierten Missiourischen Brueder schon mehrere Jahre auserwaehlt. Es soll ein aussichtsreiches Feld sein. Dass in dem betreffenden Stadtteil ~~im~~ letzten Jahr sehr viel gebaut worden ist, davon ueberzeugte ich mich selber vor zwei Wochen. Ganze Stadtteile wachsen wie die Schwamme aus der Erde. Pastor Heyn sagt dass er auch Glieder in der Gegend wohnen habe , die er gleich an Sie abgeben will.

Naeheres soll Ihnen nach Ihrer Ankunft in Detroit muendlich auseinander gesetzt werden. Kommen Sie ^{so} bald Sie koennen. Steigen Sie vorlaeufig bei Pastor H. Hoenecke ab , bis Sie Quartier gefunden haben. Seine jetzige Adresse ist 983I Dundee Ave. Sie nehmen die Gr. Riyer Car und fahren bis Dundee; von der City Hall sind es etwa 6 miles Gr. River hinaus. An Dundee steigen Sie ab und gehen einen Block rechts, bis zur ersten Ecke , wo wirklich eine neue Kirche gebaut wird. Hoenecke wohnt neben der Kirche.

In der Kommission haben wir ausgemacht , dass Sie in einer unserer Kirchen in Detroit-wohl bei Pastor Heyn-eingefuehrt werden sollen. Pastor Peters, Glied der Behoerde, soll die Predigt halten. Pastor Heyn kann unter Assistenz der andern Brueder die Einfuehrung vollziehen.

Schreiben Sie an Hoenecke und an Pastor Peters Wayne, Mich. wann Sie navh Detroit zu kommen gedenken und wann die Einfuehrung stattfinden kann. Peters Adresse ist : Wayne, Mich. Je baelder Sie kommen , desto besser.

Ihnen Freudigkeit und Gottes Segen zur Arbeit wuens-
 schend. gruesst freundi-
 G. E. Bergemann

Dear Brother:

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12-13-26

I can get money any time you need it. If things are settled to your satisfaction send an application addressed to Brock, Treasurer, stating amt needed, and the purpose.

I must O.K. that before you can get it. I will do that at once if I agree with you. Therefore send all information with your letter. Hoping your physical condition is much improved and wishing you God's blessing for your holiday work. I am

Yours in the Lord
O Eckert

\$400⁰⁰

Detroit, Mich Jan 27th 1927

Ourselves

after date I promise to pay

to the order of Eric Leitch Joint Squad of Wis A.O.S
Four Hundred & _____ Dollars

WITH INTEREST AT _____ PER CENT. PER ANNUM.

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Office of the Guild 372-39 Ave Kalamazoo Mich

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Riga, Mich., April 25, 1928

Dear Brother Arndt: —

Our heartiest congratulations!

Hope that Mrs. Arndt will recover fully very soon, and that the daughter may become a source of great happiness. I also want to congratulate you on your article in Northwestern Lutheran. *Wunderlich freut mich der Geist der den ganzen Artikel durchhaucht.*

Up to date you have \$5640.62. I have better than one hundred more but may have made a mistake in my addition. I haven't the time to go over the figures now. Your requisition goes to Milwaukee today.

I am glad the congregation gave you a raise on this important occasion. May the good Lord grant you health and prosper you otherwise and thus plug up some of the ~~holes~~ ^{threads} which drain your pocketbook.

When your congregation is fully organized you might send me the name of your treasurer. Your salary check will be mailed to him. We subsidize congregations, and that is the only way to make them realize that your disappointment in the lodge fight I can understand. You got off easy. However disappointing it may have been to you, you will find it a blessing in disguise. It hurts, of course, to lose some good friends. Und nun voran in Gottes Namen! Herzlichen Gruss auch deiner Frau. Es grüsst dich

Dein

Oeckert

December 28, 1943

Dear

This letter is being sent to every communicant member of Mt. Olive in the interest of your soul's welfare.

According to the Church Records you have attended Holy Communion time(s) during 1943. Ask yourself, When did I receive the precious Lord's Supper last? Has no burden fallen upon your heart and soul and conscience since that time? Must the Savior plead in vain with you: "This do often"? Try reviewing the Ten Commandments before you go to bed tonight, and then remember, it is a lack of love and appreciation of the Savior that lies at the bottom of your infrequent communion at the Lord's Table. Come, and make more frequent use of this inestimable blessing, for Christ did not say, Omit this, or, despise this, but, "This do ye as oft as ye drink it in remembrance of me".

On the basis of the Word of God our Constitution states Article III, Paragraph I, G: "Only such may become, be, or remain members in this congregation, as frequently attend the Lord's Supper, with the congregation, if possible, or privately, if their attendance at church is impossible". Think this over, and then come to the Lord's Table on the last night of the old year.

Our Constitution also states in the By-Laws, Article I, Paragraph 4: "It shall be the duty of every member of the congregation to contribute according to his or her ability and a conscience bound by the Word of God toward all enterprises which the congregation may assume as a Christian responsibility, either for the maintenance of the congregation at home or the Kingdom of God abroad". Have you, dear member, been faithful in this phase of your Christianity during 1943? If not, then you still have time to do so now before the old year closes its doors for good. Don't put off for tomorrow what you can go today, for tomorrow for you may be too late.

With the earnest prayer that your Christianity is not only a shell or veneer, but genuine and sincere; I as your pastor and shepherd bring these two appeals to you. May God answer the prayer of His servant to His glory and your everlasting good.

Yours In the Service of Christ,

Kenneth W. Vertz
Kenneth W. Vertz, Pastor.

The Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod

... of ...

Wisconsin and other States

C. J. Niedfeldt, General Treasurer

7485 Harwood Avenue

Mauwatosa, Wis.

Oct. 4, 1941.

Rev. Kenneth W. Vertz,
4425 Radnor Ave.
Detroit, Mich.

Dear Pastor Vertz: Re: Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, Detroit

Received your letter of Sept. 30th and will be looking for the legal papers referred to.

As to the status of your Church Extension debt will give you the following figures:

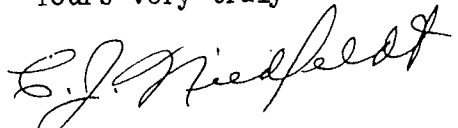
The amount written off by Synod resolution was \$4,719.12

The present unpaid balance after giving credit for all payments received to date -----\$7,160.00

Regarding receipts for the payments made during the past two years, wish to advise that a receipt was mailed for each payment to your District Mission Board Chairman, in your case I believe Rev. MC.Schroeder, Bay City. If he did not forward them to you or some member of your board, possibly he still has them and you could get them from him.

As to the terms on the balance of your debt would suggest that you advise the Board of Trustees about what monthly payments you could make and submit for their consideration at their meeting commencing Oct. 22nd. In the mean time, would suggest you continue with your payments as in the past.

Yours very truly


Treasurer

WELCOME, STRANGER!

We want you to feel at home in our midst, to hear the sermon in comfort and join us in prayer and song. You will find the order of opening and closing service in the beginning of this hymnal. After the service please remain a few minutes and make yourself acquainted with the members and friends of the congregation, and also with the pastor. If you wish to have the pastor or a member call at your home please leave your name and address with one of the ushers.

Have you a church home? If not, we wish you would come here. In case you are not acquainted with the Lutheran Church we invite you to join the next confirmation class and become one of our members. If you have been a member of one of our churches and wish to join here, kindly ask for a letter of release and present it to the pastor in his study. You are always welcome at the parsonage. In case you should become ill and wish for a bed-side service the pastor will serve you at any hour, day or night. Have someone call him.

If you have children we would be glad to teach them of Jesus in our Sunday School. We have classes for all ages, beginning at three years.

Have your friends who have no church connections? Come again next Sunday and bring them along. Every true Christian is a missionary for his Lord and Savior Jesus. And now once more, you are welcome here!

MT. OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

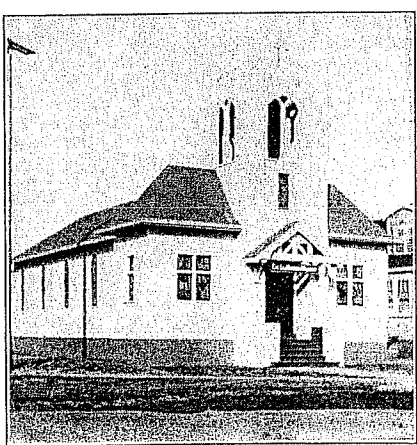
JESUS, YOUR SAVIOR, SAYS TO YOU: "COME UNTO ME"
 WE AS A CHRISTIAN CHURCH EXTEND THIS
 INVITATION TO YOU.
 JESUS SAYS: "SUFFER THE LITTLE CHILDREN TO
 COME UNTO ME".
 WE WELCOME YOUR CHILDREN TO OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL.
 HAVE YOU A CHURCH AT WHICH YOU ATTEND
 REGULARLY? COME TO THE

EV. LUTHERAN MISSION
 RADNOR AVE. AT MACK AVE. SERVICE AT 10:30
 SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:15 PASTOR
 H. C. ARNDT, PASTOR
 2 BLOCKS SOUTH OF MACK
 686 NEFF RD.

Lutheran Mission
 Evangelical Lutheran Mission, Rad-
 nor at Mack Avenue. Rev. H. C. Arndt
 Pastor. Residence 686 Neff Road. Hick-
 3435-J.
 Sunday School, 9:15 a. m. Service
 10:30 a. m.
 Next Sunday the Mission will cele-
 brate its first mission festival. Special
 services will be held at 10:30 a. m. and
 7:45 p. m.

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 The Mission will have two Christmas
 services this year. The Children's
 Service, to which all grown-ups are
 welcome will be held at 7:30 p. m. on
 December 24th. The regular Christmas
 service will be at 10:30 a. m. on Decem-
 ber 25th. This will be the first Christ-
 mas service in the Mission's new
 chapel. The interior will be beauti-
 fully decorated to suit the occasion and
 new features will show themselves
 throughout the Children's service. Still
 the message which the children shall
 give that evening in speaking and sing-
 ing shall be the old, but ever new mes-
 sage: "For unto you is born this day
 in the city of David a Savior which is
 Christ the Lord." The manner in
 which this message will be presented
 will reflect the old maxim: "True
 beauty lies in simplicity."

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 On Saturday, September 17th the
 Christian Saturday School of the Mis-
 sion shall commence. The pastor with
 helpers shall instruct the classes. All
 children of school age are welcome, and
 should be at the chapel at 9:00 a. m. for
 enrollment.
 Next Sunday the pastor shall begin
 a series of sermons on the Lord's Pray-
 er. Theme for Sunday's sermon, "Our
 Heavenly Father."



LUTHERAN MISSION
 Radnor Avenue - at Mack Avenue

An Invitation

is extended to you to send your children
 to the Saturday Christian School of the
 Evangelical Lutheran Mission, Radnor
 Avenue and Mack Avenue.

Hours 9:00 to 12:00 A. M.
 Subject The Bible
 Teachers Rev. H. C. Arndt and Helpers
 Entrance Requirements.....
 Grade School Age, and a Willing Heart

"And ye fathers, provoke not your children to
 death, but bring them up in the nurture and ad-
 monition of the Lord." Eph. 6, 4.

Dear Christian Friends:

The Lutheran Mission in your neighborhood thus far conducting services on Mack Avenue and Neff Road is moving into its new chapel on Radnor Avenue at Mack Avenue and shall have its first service in the new building on Sunday, March 26th.

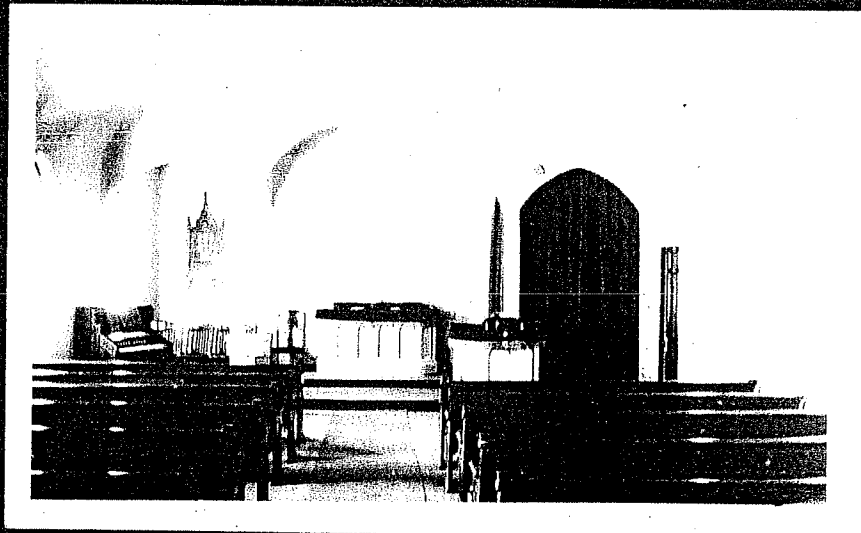
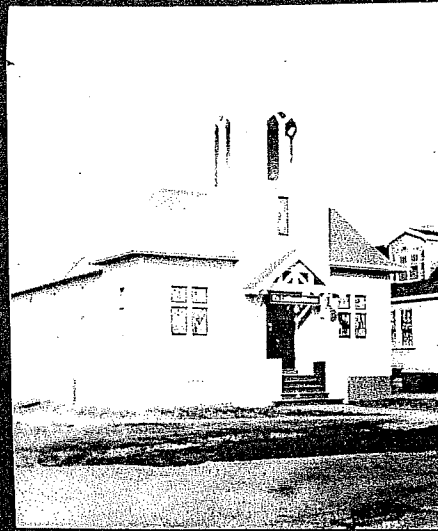
The time of services shall continue as before: Sunday School at 9:15 and Divine Service at 10:30 a. m.

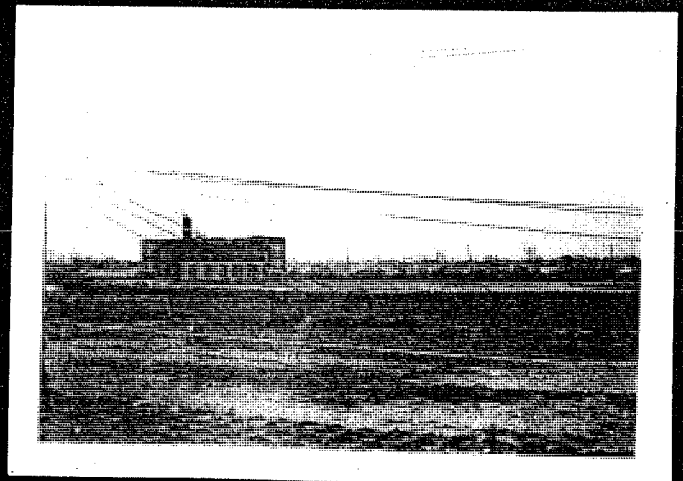
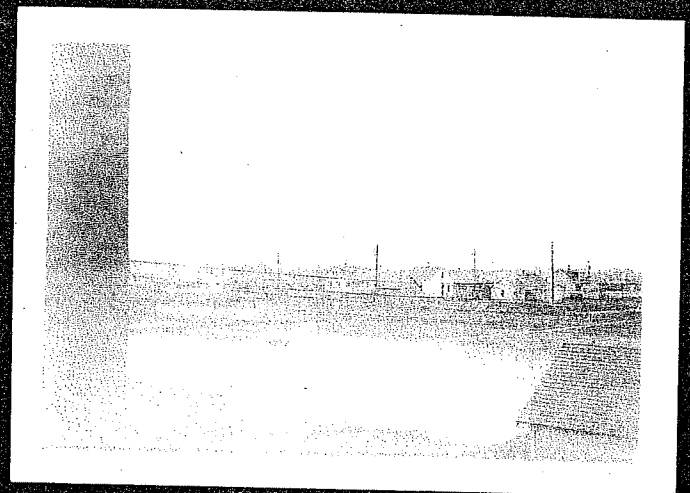
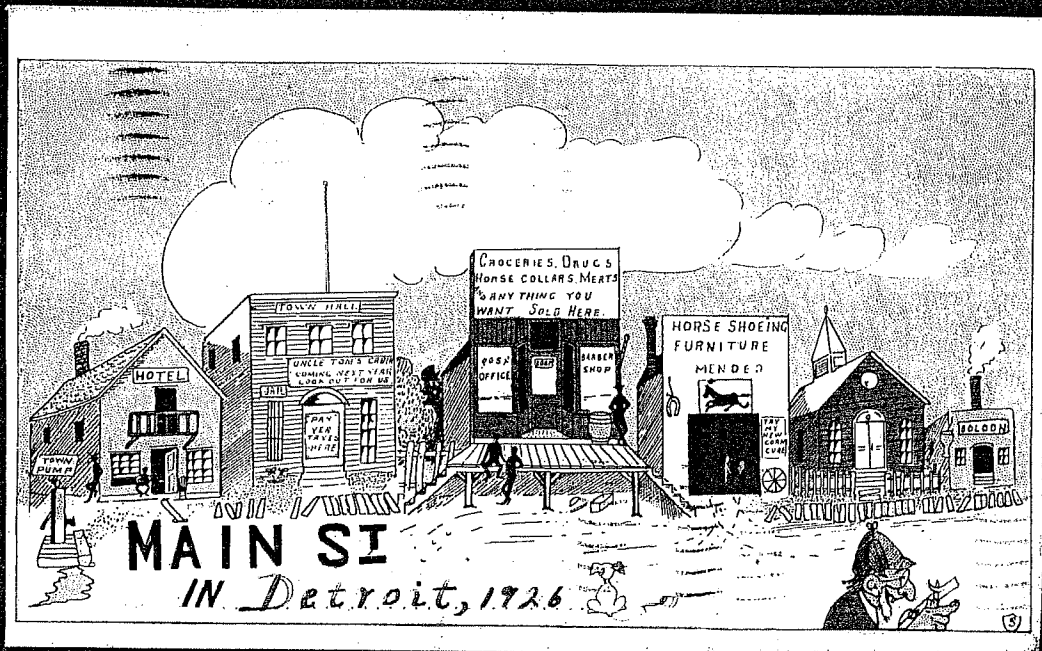
Special Lenten services shall be held on the evenings of March 30th, April 6th and April 15th (Good Friday), at 8:00 o'clock. Dedication of the chapel shall be the Sunday after Easter.

A cordial welcome is extended to you and your children.

Sincerely yours,

A. C. Arnt
The Pastor.





Mt. Olive Lutheran Church

Radnor Avenue (Lincoln Road) at
Mack Avenue. H. C. Arndt, pastor;
4425 Radnor Avenue. Hickory 0862-R.
Sunday School and Bible Class, 9:45
a. m.; Service 11:00 a. m.

During the next few days the new electric lighted bulletin board will be placed in front of the chapel. This is to be a gift of the Sunday School to the congregation. The board is the finest on the market. It measures 47 inches wide and 63 inches high. The price is \$125. It is bought with the intentions that it may later on be used in front of the permanent church also.

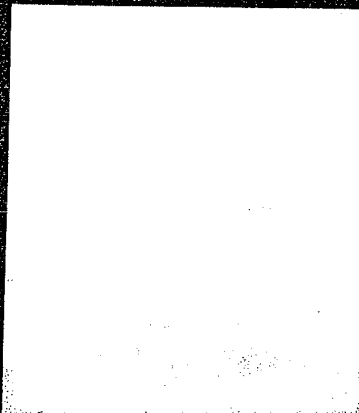
Last Sunday marked an exceptional attendance at the Mt. Olive Sunday School and Bible Class. New classes are being formed again especially for the little ones. The children are now anticipating a bright Sunday morning when their picture will be taken around their new bulletin board.

All children of the community not yet belonging to a Sunday School are heartily invited here.

Next Sunday the list of charter members of the church will be read at services, after which it will be closed and sent in to the officials of the Joint Synod of Wisconsin, Minnesota and Michigan for acceptance into the Synod.

A week from next Sunday the pastor will preach the anniversary sermon at the Church of Our Savior, on the west side. Rev. H. Holle will fill the Mt. Olive pulpit on that Sunday.

The bulletin board, a beautiful gift of the children to the congregation, is now installed and is serving its purpose very well.



morning, Edgar Hoenecke in the afternoon, and Roland Scheele in the evening.

On March 1, 1959, a First Anniversary Service was held, with G. Press, Pres. of the Michigan District, as guest preacher.

From Nov. 1 to 5 of this year our church joined with others of the Synodical Conference in a highly successful Lutheran Open House "Preaching-Teaching-Reaching" program.

Attendance reflected the new interest generated by the new church. On June 7, 1959, a high for an ordinary Sunday attendance was reached when 144 were present. On the same day 115 received Lord's Supper for another high on an ordinary Sunday. The peak average attendance for a year occurred in 1960 when a figure of 120 was reached. After that a gradual dropping off set in, which now seems to have yielded to a levelling effect.

In the summer of '62 the signboard was erected in front of the church.

Through almost 40 years of existence the parsonage followed the old frame church in its deterioration. It had become evident that the corner piece of land had become valuable for business purposes. Finally, in May, 1966, an offer to purchase it for \$52,000 was accepted. This enabled us to build a new parsonage on vacant lots in a better residential area a block away from the church. It was dedicated on Nov. 6, 1966. Not only were we able to dedicate it debt-free; we also had enough money left to cover outstanding church bonds.

God's blessing is clearly evident in the fact that at the end of 1968 we needed only about \$15,000 to cover the remaining debt on properties worth \$150,000 to \$175,000 in replacement value.

History Contained in the 25th Anniversary Booklet.

In January, 1952, the first concrete step toward getting a new church was taken with the purchase of the Mack Ave. frontage, made available by the conversion of this County Road to a boulevard. In June the Radnor lot across the street was bought and in April of 1953 the Mack frontage adjacent to this lot was purchased from the County.

During this time thought was given to the type church we might build. From a plan of extensive remodeling of the present building, to a new frame church attached to the original and facing Mack Ave., to a brick Colonial on the new property across Radnor - this was the trend of thought.

In May, 1953, the architect offered a sketch of a "modified Cottage Gothic" design, having convinced the building committee that it would offer most for the money. After a favorable cost estimate by a builder friend of the architect, approval was given to produce working drawings and specifications. Bids for this plan were opened in April, 1954, but the lowest was about \$100,000 - \$25,000 more than anticipated cost. Attempts to sell enough bonds to cover the increase failed and reluctantly we were forced to drop the plans and lose some \$4,600 in architect fees.

Discouraging as this was, our members did not lose hope and God's blessing did not fail. At this time Elgin Pruder, a member of Mt. Olive, returned from the West. Since he was a registered architect, he offered to draw plans which would be within our financial range.

Heartened by this, Mt. Olive undertook an extensive pledge campaign which assured some \$50,000 in contributions for a three year period. Almost \$26,000 of this was for the building fund.

The target date for beginning to build was the fall of 1956. With this in mind a loan contract for \$45,000 was made with Lutheran Fraternities of America to supplement the \$31,000 in bond sales. Various delays prevented the fall start and, rather than begin in winter, it was postponed to spring.

Base bids of a little over \$81,000 were favorable, so groundbreaking took place on April 7, 1957, and actual construction began a couple of weeks later. The proposed completion date in fall was not met, mostly because of delay in obtaining window sashes. A dedication date of March 2, 1968, was finally established. The happy day was cele-

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January, 1952 - Mack Ave. frontage by parsonage purchased from County (available because Mack Ave. made Blvd.)

June, 1952 - Radnor lot across St. purchased.

April, 1953 - Mack frontage north of Radnor purchased from County (both Mack parcels cost \$1,500 each)

FIRST PLANS FOR NEW CHURCH:

- 1. Remodel present frame church extensively
- 2. Remove parsonage, build new frame church facing Mack and joined to original church.
- 3. Build brick Colonial church on new property across Radnor.

(All of these plans discarded as unfeasible.)

May, 1953 - Architect submitted plan for "modified Gothic" structure. Accepted by congregation. He told to complete specs. Lowest bid came in at about \$100,000, \$25,000 more than builder estimated cost.

Efforts to sell bonds to cover excess cost failed and we lost \$4,600 in architect's fees.

1954 - Elgin Pruder, architect and member of Mt. Olive, offered to draw plans within financial range.

Intensive pledge campaign produced pledges of \$50,000 for 3 years, \$26,000 of this for building fund.

1956 - \$45,000 loan from Lutheran Fraternities of America and \$31,000 bond sales assured funds for building.

1957 - Base bids of \$81,000 received from Bouttler Construction Co.

April 7, 1957 - Groundbreaking ceremony held

Fall completion of church delayed by inability to get aluminum window sash in time.

March 2, 1958 - Dedication held with three services.

March 1, 1959 - 1st anniversary service of dedication held.

November 1-5, 1959 - Joined with other Michigan church-

es in successful "Lutheran Open House - Preaching-Teaching-Reaching" program.

April 24, 1959 - Michigan Lutheran Seminary presents choral concert in our church.

June 7, 1959 - High attendance for ordinary Sunday reached with 144 persons present. 115 received communion, another high.

1960 - Average attendance for year of 120 for all services reached - a high matched only in 1958 when large dedication attendances swelled the figure.

1962 - Signboard erected out in front.

1961 - P.A. System with facilities for playing chime records inside and outside installed. Paid for with memorials and Flower Fund money.

May, 1966 - Old property sold for \$52,000.

Nov. 6, 1966 - New parsonage, costing about \$35,000 for building, land, landscaping, etc., dedicated.

1968 - Participate in Wisconsin Synod's "Missio Dei" offering for educational institutions. Pledged \$4,590; gave \$5,455.15.

April 4, 1969 - Northwestern College Chorus from Watertown, Wis., presents concert Good Friday evening to full church.

September, 1969 - Girl Pioneers group organized under Mrs. Doris Greig (later taken over by Mrs. Beverly Newton until discontinued in May, 1976.)

April 8, 1973 - New Baldwin Organ purchased and dedicated. Old Wurlitzer organ donated to Kings of Kings Church in Willoughby, Ohio.

April 23, 1973 - 45th Anniversary celebration and Mortgage-Burning ceremony.

October, 1975 - Nave speakers installed to augment P.A. System.

1974, May - 1976, May - Participated in offerings for Synod's 125th anniversary. Pledged \$3,350; gave \$4,180.68 (incl. \$500 for Mich. Luth. Sem.)

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Also participated in the following joint endeavors:

- From 1966 - Martin Luther Memorial Home for Aged
- From 1970 - Killarney Lutheran Camp
- From 1975 - Huron Valley Lutheran High School
- From 1977 - Proposed Joint Christian Day School for Metro and Northeast Detroit

PASTORAL ACTS

Baptisms	-	561
Confirmations	-	462
Marriages	-	226
Funerals	-	112

1977 - Participated in the planning of a joint Metro-Detroit East Christian Day School with seven other WELS Churches. Became a charter member of The Martin Luther School Association as school began in 1978.

April 24, 1977 - c 230 persons attended the special 50th Anniversary Service in the afternoon.

Nov. 19, 1979 Mt. Olive Ladies Group observed its 50th anniversary of serving the church.

1981 - The church spire was erected - a memorial donation by John MacCartney for his wife Virginia.

1981 - The Heinze Estate, including the home, was willed to Mt. Olive.

March 6, 1983 - The 25th Anniversary of the dedication of the new church was celebrated, with District President, Robert Mueller, preaching.

April 10, 1983 - Pastor Frey's 40th Anniversary in the Ministry was noted with a special afternoon Service.

1985 - Mt. Olive contributed \$25,708 for Synod's "Reaching Out" program. This was for capital improvements in Synod's educational buildings, including the dormitory at Seminary in Saginaw. It also aided Mission Work.

1986 - The last surviving charter member of Mt. Olive Emma Lince, died in Alpena, MI.

1987 - We had this year the highest average annual Sunday attendance in the history of our church - 125.

April 28, 1991 - Pastor Frey's retirement service, after serving Mt. Olive for 40 years.

July 21, 1991 - Installation of Pastor Thomas Biedener as the pastor to serve Mt. Olive.

July 12, 1998 - Installation of Matthew Grunewald, a Seminary graduate of that year, at Mt. Olive.

would be made to carry out the proposal of 1943 to either enlarge the present church or build a new one. The strip of property fronting Mack Ave. by the parsonage was purchased with this in mind. First plans worked out with an architect called for moving the parsonage and erecting a frame Colonial church facing Mack, with the original church serving as a social wing. The idea was soon discarded as being impractical. Our attention was then directed across Radnor. Two adjacent pieces of property were purchased and the architect was instructed to draw up plans for a modified Gothic church. When plans, which we were assured would cost no more than \$75,000, drew a minimum bid of almost \$100,000, we were unable to sell enough bonds to finance the project, more than \$4,500 in architect's fees were lost, and we were much discouraged.

But God's blessing did not fail, nor did the will of our people. Under the leadership of Mr. Heger, our church president, Mr. E. Pruder, our new architect, and a revived building committee, new plans were drawn. A very favorable base bid of \$80,000 was received. Ground was broken on April 7, 1957, the cornerstone laid on June 30, and on March 2, 1958 we had the joy of dedicating our new house of worship. The new life this church injected into our congregation can be seen by the fact that attendance rose from an average of 71 per Sunday in 1953 to 120 by 1960. It is interesting to note that since we began our building campaign in '52 we have collected a total to date of \$64,668.73 for this purpose.

MRS. J. LINCE only charter member remaining today.

BAPTISMS: 485 (129 last 10 yrs.)
CONFIRMATIONS: 370 (118 last 10 yrs.)
MARRIAGES: 187 (40 last 10 yrs.)
FUNERALS: 75 (28 last 10 yrs.)

A PICTURE OF THE PAST

"Ho, everyone that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price."

These words from the first verse of Isaiah, chapter 55, might well have replaced the usual advertising signs which back in 1926 and early 1927 filled the windows of what is now the Blue Cross Drug Store on Mack Ave. near Neff. For it was there that the first services and Sunday School classes of Mt. Olive were held. Seven adults gathered for worship and fifteen children came to Sunday School to receive the spiritual food offered freely on the opening Sunday in August of '26. Pastor Henry Arndt only recently graduated from the Theological Seminary, found this store the most suitable place for temporary worship, until the new group of worshippers could have their own house of worship. They didn't have to wait long, for on April 24, 1927, our present church building was dedicated to the service of the Triune God. Not long after the parsonage was erected alongside it, the pastor and his family moving into it in January of 1928. The total cost of the two buildings and land was a little more than \$12,000, a figure made possible only because of the generous amount of labor donated by members and friends of the congregation.

In those early days, as some of the present members can well recall, this neighborhood was sparsely settled—so much so that the wisdom of moving out so far was questioned. Today, with the last vacant spaces being filled in, we can see that the choice of location was good. The infant church grew slowly, but steadily. At the end of 1930 there were 34 communicant members. By 1932 this had increased to 73. The Sunday School especially flourished, since Mt. Olive was the only church in the area. The records show, for example, that from October to December, in 1929, the average attendance at Sunday School was 125. There were setbacks in the church's growth, particularly those kind which a church, holding fast to God's Word without compromise, must experience. But still the mission prospered under God's blessing.

In March of 1932 a tragedy struck, which surely had an adverse effect on the church. Pastor Arndt, who had guided it from its beginnings, was taken in death, although only 28 years old. His wife preceded him in death by one week, both having been stricken with pneumonia. It is only natural that the young congregation whose life had been so intimately connected with that of Pastor Arndt should feel this loss deeply.

Nevertheless, God, who had taken its pastor, gave Mt. Olive another. On July 17, 1932, Pastor F. Stern was installed. He served here for a little less than seven years. Though these were mainly depression years, under his leadership, the church basement was built and paid for at a cost of \$2840. This was done in the summer of 1937.

Two years later Pastor Stern accepted a call to Arizona. Again Mt. Olive was without a pastor, but again God soon provided one. Pastor Kenneth Vertz was installed in September of 1939. It wasn't long before the congregation began to flourish as never before. New homes went up throughout the area surrounding us. Mt. Olive still was the only church in the vicinity. The pastor's labors were crowned with success. At this time came the war years, when people were drawn to the church who had never gone before. Membership and attendance just about doubled. A new incentive to go forward was given when Synod agreed in January, 1942, to reduce the debt owed by the congregation from about \$12,000 to \$7,200. Determined efforts to liquidate the remaining debt were rewarded with the burning of the mortgage on April 8, 1945.

But this matter did not monopolize the interest and efforts of the church. Attendance at worship had grown to such an extent that a motion was made at the council meeting on May 13, 1943, to study the possibility of enlarging the present church or building a new one. On July 12 the congregation heartily endorsed the proposal by drawing \$500 from the general treasury to initiate a building fund. Another cherished goal beckoned. For seventeen years Synod had supported us with subsidies. Now financial independence was a possibility. On January 1, 1944, that possibility became a reality. It was a happy day, because it marked a big step forward in our church's progress. But it also must have been a day of gratitude, for until that time Synod had given Mt.

Olive over \$18,000 in the form of subsidy and debt reduction. It might be well to remember this nowadays when we are asked to give for Synod's work.

In the early part of 1946 our church for the third time was without a minister. Pastor Vertz having accepted a call to Owosso. Pastor Norman Engel then received and accepted the call sent to him and was installed June 2, 1946. Under his pastorate Mt. Olive continued to prosper in spite of the fact that quite a few members moved away. Efforts were made toward beginning a building program, but different things prevented their being carried out. In 1949 our Wurliizer organ was purchased, and was dedicated November 6. Less than a year later Pastor Engel chose to accept a call to a new and promising mission field on the outskirts of Milwaukee, Wis. In October, 1950, his successor and the present pastor, E. Frey, was installed.

Through most of the years of its history Mt. Olive has had societies which have served it well. The Ladies' Aid was inaugurated November 19, 1930. We do not have the date of the beginning of the Young People's Society, but know that it goes back many years. A Men's Club was organized in October, 1940, but for the present is not functioning. These societies have provided fellowship for our members and have done much in promoting the church in other ways. They deserve our remembrance and appreciation as we celebrate our anniversary.

Statistics often tell an interesting part of a congregation's history. The following have been gleaned from our church records: 356 baptisms, 263 confirmations, 147 marriages, 47 burials, and 9,328 communions. Of the charter members three are still with us. They are Mr. and Mrs. Herman Gerstenschlager and Mrs. H. Hesse, Sr. We have experienced the large turnover of members which is so common to a big metropolitan area like Detroit. For that reason, it is impossible to estimate in any way what the total fruits are, which have been produced in this particular vineyard of the Lord. But we do know for a certainty that God's Word prospers in the thing, whereunto He sends it, as Isaiah records, and with this faith we look for God's continued blessing in the future.

THE CHURCH REGISTER

On the First of July, 1928 our congregation was officially accepted into the Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod of Wisconsin and other States as Mt. Olive Lutheran Church.

The membership was not large in a way, and still it possessed quite a bit of strength in various ways. Our mission was begun almost "on the bare ground". Unlike most Lutheran missions to-day which are daughter congregations of larger churches and begin with a nucleus of active church members from those churches, Mt. Olive had to depend almost completely upon the response to a house-to-house canvass and hard missionary work in the community. But the blessings of God were at all times visible, and in a field where two other missions were forced to close, this mission grew into a congregation and is now keeping up a tidy piece of church property, and in many different ways indicates life and activity in the work and ways pleasing to God.

In the pastor's call book is a long list of friends of the congregation who practically consider Mt. Olive their church but have not as yet affiliated themselves with the congregation. We extend a hearty welcome to them to join us as soon as they feel they would like to be members here.

Although we consider them as fellow Christians to be almost the same as members among us, it would nevertheless be improper to list their names even as contributing members so long as they are not communicant members, or they still hold membership in other churches. We hope though that as the weeks roll by we will add one after the other of these names to our list of members so that they may with all joy and confidence partake of all the privileges of a Christian congregation; and showing a living faith, work together with the other members for the maintenance and spreading of God's Great Message to mankind.

We here offer in the following pages an exact copy of the church register as it appears to-day.



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MILE-STONES

The smoke of a pipe is curling up to the ceiling in a quiet and peaceful home as the members of a family are gathered together for an evening of relaxation. Father is smoking his evening pipe and Mother is placing a large patch upon Johnie's rompers, at the same time answering the various questions coming from a piping voice across the table. Florence had received a new book at Sunday school and wanted to know all the whys and whos of all the pictures. There was the picture of Jesus teaching His disciples, and another of Him blessing the little children carried to Him by their mothers. There was also a picture of the beautiful Temple of Jerusalem. And here Florence paused, turned to her father and said: "Daddy, do you know, our Sunday-school room is pretty too. It seems just like Jesus is there, everything is so different from all the other places we go to. It surely is nice that we have it. Who gave it to us? Did God in heaven?" "Yes," came the answer, "I believe He did alright. It seemed like a big God-send when our church was begun out here."

"Tell me all about it, will you Daddy?"

"Alright, come and sit on my lap. It was one warm evening when you were just getting ready to enter school that I was working under our car in the garage. I heard a voice coming from the doorway, wishing me a good evening. I crawled out and here was a young man who told me he was a missionary and was going to open a Sunday school and a church in a store on Mack Ave. I called Mama and made her acquainted with him. We were so far from our church at the time that we found it hard to get there, and now you were getting old enough to go to Sunday-school and we often spoke about it and prayed to God to give us a church. So now here we were. We asked the missionary to come into the house and we asked him a lot of questions. He told us that he was be-

ing sent by a mission-board of the Lutheran Synod of Wisconsin. He also explained to us the way this synod begins its new churches, and many other things. When he had left that night we were very happy, because now we could go to church every Sunday and you could be enrolled in Sunday-school. We told the neighbors about it and when Sunday came I took you and three other children along to Sunday-school. Remember?"

"Oh yes, I remember Doris and Fritzie and Bobby and, and—but Daddy that wasn't no missionary at that store, that was our pastor, wasn't it?"

"Yes, it was our pastor, but then he came to us as a missionary. Pastor means a shepherd, like with sheep. And missionary means someone who is sent."

"But who sent him? From where? How did they know about us?"

"Whoa, wait a minute! Do you remember what that pastor said at the first mission festival about the Synod and all its schools, hospitals and missions?"

"Yes, he told us about the Indians too, didn't he?"

"Yes. Well that synod is nothing else but thousands of Christians like you and I are, and they work together and give what they can to do the work Jesus wants us to do."

"Just like that first congregation at Jerusalem?"

"Yes, yes, that's where it started, I guess."

"Do I belong to this Synod too, Daddy?"

"You bet you do, and so does Mama and everybody in our congregation. But now that first Sunday. In that store building where the Blue Cross Drug Store now is we had the first Sunday-school class and church service. I counted 15 children who came that morning. The missionary was your only teacher and he told you to bring your playmates along."

"Oye and did we! I remember one Sunday we were so packed in there we little kids sat on the big kids' laps! How many were in service that first Sunday?"



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"Only seven, but we heard a sermon on that text, where the first disciples of Jesus became His own, and went out and told others about Jesus. We felt like doing that very thing too now. So we went home quite happy."

"And we ladies made the first curtains for the big windows, remember?" (This from a listener across the table.)

But soon we received the happy news that we could build a chapel. We wanted one badly so we all helped as far as we could. One of the first members hired the men and worked at the chapel every day until evening. Other men also helped as they could, your mother and the ladies helped finish and clean, and then one Sunday we dedicated our new church. Everything was nice and church-like, for all the people who were going to be members donated the furniture and books and everything that was needed."

"And we children gave that electric cross on the steeple, didn't we?"

"Yes, I guess you did alright."

"And the bulletin board was bought with our offerings too! Say, our offerings did quite a bit too already! Now we have an organ fund. Daddy, will we have a larger church some day?"

"No doubt we will. But the main thing you and I want is that as long as we live we may have the Gospel taught to us just the way God wants it in the Bible. And if God sees that our congregation stays in the path which He directs I am sure He will add all the other things too in His wonderful way."

"Yes, if Jesus were no longer here I don't think it would be church anymore, would it Daddy?"

"No, then the church would belong to Satan, because everything belongs either to one or to the other."

"Well, when I get big I am going to be a Sunday-school teacher and tell the little children what I learned when I was little, so that when Jesus comes again we can all go to heaven to-gether."

"G'night Daddy, It's goin' to bed!" (This from Johnie.)

"Good night, Daddy, (also from Florence) I'm going to thank God to-night in my prayers for giving us our church. I never thought before that God had really given it to us! Good night Mamma!"

"Good night!"

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OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL

"Suffer the little children to come unto me" is the call of Jesus today also to the many parents of America. Jesus considered the children as well as those of more advanced years to be His own. At Mt. Olive we hope, the children will always be taken care of in the best possible way. In our Sunday school are teachers who are earnestly devoting their time to bringing the Saving Gospel to the hearts of children. We urge the parents not only to cooperate with the Sunday school but to realize that the responsibility for the eternal souls of the children entrusted into their care by God falls primarily and mainly upon them. This year extensive improvements have been made in our Sunday school in order, the more to improve its efficiency. Each class is now enclosed by a set of curtains which afford a very pleasing privacy for the teacher and class. These curtains can be drawn back in a moment for the large assembly work and are so arranged that they can be taken down with little difficulty, leaving only a few small hooks to be seen on either side of the church auditorium. Each child is now provided with a durable, cloth covered book which contains a lesson to be studied for each Sunday and is arranged to suit the age of the child. The duplex envelopes introduced this year have also met with a delightful popularity among the scholars. In order to create an interest in the children for regular attendance in Sunday school the pin and gift system is used. From time to time also various other methods are used to stimulate the interest of the children for their Sunday school.

The interest which the teachers take in their work is showing itself from month to month, and we hope that at all times we will feel that we are doing all we can with the means which are placed at our disposal. No Sunday school can be found which has reached a mark of perfection, therefore with the cooperation of all, we hope ever to be striving for better and sounder methods to do this great work of evangelization among the children.

From time to time members and friends have asked the question whether Mr. Olive could not have a Christian day school. Steps have been taken in that direction, much work, has been done by the pastor for the cause, and although we would like to set a date here for a possible beginning, there is still something lacking. The Joint Synod of Wis. heard the call and also promptly answered with the fine proposition, to give us a Christian teacher trained to meet all requirements, to pay his salary for several years, and also in other ways to assist the congregation. The next step therefore is up to the parents, to give the matter their most serious consideration and to take hold of the project with firm resolution and definite action. Most parents feel the need not only of a Christian education for their children but also for a better training of character. The public school of today, serious minded parents find, cannot and dare not teach the former, and regarding the latter they fall pitifully short of the mark. Fine buildings, countless subjects and a kindergarten discipline may be fancy but are poor substitutes for child training.

Besides this it is also painful for true Christian parents to realize that God's Word, the Holy Bible is being contradicted in the class rooms five days a week. Presently there came a girl in the confirmation class to the pastor with what seemed to her sincere and believing heart, a serious question. She attends the new "million dollar" intermediate school of Grosse Pointe and was preparing an examination on "Science". The questions with which she would be confronted would demand of her answers which would be the opposite to her faith in the Word of God. Says she, "If I write what I really believe I will get a bad mark." Friend! if you are a Christian place yourself into this child's frame of mind in a dilemma like this. In that plastic age when every impression remains like on soft clay, these tender hearts are being taught the guess-work of these enemies of God. True

science, based upon that which is revealed by proven facts alone, discards evolution; but still our Christian taxpayers must not only tolerate but even support such agents of Satan to pour out their poisonous Bible contradictions into the ever believing hearts of our youth. Where will we come to if this continues and develops? What will the citizen of tomorrow be without a faith in Jesus Christ as a Savior from sin—yea, without even a feeling of responsibility toward the omniscient and almighty God above! He will not be "climbing above" but he will fall beneath the brute creation, he will become an intolerable fiend in his corruption. The matter is very serious and is indeed a most up-to-date issue. To merely sit and lament about the "flaming youth" or the "younger generation" will get us nowhere. The "younger generation" is not a certain set of people, it is a stage of development of our children into men and women. And the fact that many hair-raising and shameful things are laid to the account of tender youth only reflects upon the training which these young people received previous to the time they entered this stage. Surely we agree then that more should be done for our dear children. We must assure them that we, first of all, are firmly convinced in that which they are to take to themselves as part of their character and personality.

Now what to do? We cannot change things greatly in our nation nor Greater Detroit in our short lives, the masses of humanity have not faith in the True God and His Word. But we can say with Joshua of old:—"But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." To a great extent we can make our homes little havens of joy and peace based upon the true faith in Jesus Christ.

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OUR ORGANIST

Something unusual, which attracts the attention of most of our visitors is our high-school-boy-organist. When the service begins and the organist steps to the organ bench in his flowing vestment one could perhaps conceive the thought that this is arranged in harmony with the miniature features of the chapel otherwise. But this is not the situation. Frederick is just a boy like all others at his age excepting that he has exceptional talents and a fine Christian training. He was chosen to be the organist of the congregation because he showed a liking to the organ. He began by playing at only part of the service at first, but soon he showed a live interest in this work and combined with it a conservatory course of mu-

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sic, which he intends to continue later on by concentrating particularly upon the organ. He has, through his hard work and punctuality, been a valuable blessing to the congregation, in the Sunday-school in the Sunday services and also as accompanist for the choir. As a crown over all though, is the spirit in which he does this work, ever willing, and always working in the closest hand-in-hand way with the pastor.

The members of the congregation have also tried to show their appreciation in various ways from time to time and at the last meeting of the voting members he was accepted as an honorary member of the congregation. We hope and pray that the spirit of Jesus our Lord may ever dwell in his heart so that his talents may remain a blessing to the congregation and his work afford him a constant source of happiness!

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THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN JOINT SYNOD OF WISCONSIN AND OTHER STATES

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This Synod was organized in the tide of the Lutheran Quadri-Centennial (1917), and is composed of the former independent but co-operating Synods of Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska and Wisconsin. All of these previous Synods have united and the new Synod resulting from the merger has divided its territory into eight districts as follows: (1) Davenport-Morrison; (2) Michigan; (3) Minnesota; (4) Nebraska; (5) Pacific Northwest; (6) North Wisconsin; (7) Southeast Wisconsin; (8) West Wisconsin. Rev. G. E. Bergemann of Fondulac, Wis., is president of the joint body.

The Joint Synod represents some 325,000 souls, 210,000 communicants and about 682 congregations and missions, served by 585 pastors, 95 of whom are engaged in missionary work. Synod maintains 175 organized parish schools, with 300 trained teachers; three academies (high schools), one college, one teachers' seminary, one theological seminary, with 42 professors and about 650 students.

The Synod is engaged in foreign missionary work in Central Europe. Other foreign missions are not maintained by Synod as such. Co-operation, however, with the Missouri Synod—with which Synod the Joint Synod of Wisconsin is affiliated in the Synodical Conference of America—in her foreign missions is encouraged, and support for these missions is given by way of collections and other contributions of moneys.

In union with the Missouri Synod the Joint Synod of Wisconsin is regularly and definitely engaged in missionary work among the negroes of the United States.

Under so-called foreign mission that the Joint Synod of Wisconsin considers her own missionary work is to be classed the missionary work among the Indians of Ari-

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HER DOCTRINES

The Bible.—"We believe and teach that the Holy Scriptures of the Old and the New Testament are in every part the inspired Word of God, who is the author of the words as well as the thoughts of Scripture.

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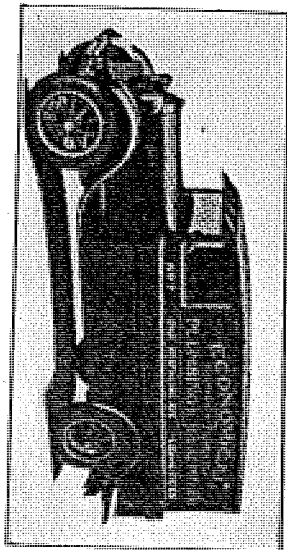
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"We believe that man was created holy and innocent, but in his present fallen estate is entirely depraved and enslaved in the service of sin."

Sin—"We believe that sin is a transgression of the divine law, and that man is subject to death and eternal damnation by reason of the guilt that attaches to sin."

Redemption—"We believe that God, in His infinite mercy, resolved to save mankind, and that the divine Redeemer appeared in Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Mary and Son of God, who perfectly obeyed the law of God, which man has transgressed, by His sufferings and death, paid the penalty for the guilt of the entire world, and by His resurrection from the dead has been declared the all-sufficient divine Redeemer."

Faith—"We believe that all who penitently accept Christ as the one and only Savior in sincere faith are justified in the sight of God, and made heirs of salvation."

The Church—"We believe that all who thus accept in true faith the forgiveness of sins procured by Christ's atonement are members of the Church of Christ, which is an invisible church, since men cannot determine which of those who profess this faith are true Christians at heart."

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"We believe that the apostolic church has endured to this day, and as a visible organization is found in the Evangelical Lutheran Church, so long as this church, by the grace of Christ, adheres in every point to the doctrine of Christ and His apostles, and retains the administration of the sacraments in their integrity."

Sacraments—"We believe that the sacrament of baptism, when administered according to the command of Christ to infants and adults, is a means of grace which efficaciously offers the grace of God and forgiveness of sins.

"We believe that in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper the communicants receive in, with and under the bread and wine the true body and blood of Jesus Christ, and that all believing communicants share in the forgiveness of sins procured by Christ's sacrifice."

The Second Coming of Christ—"We believe that Christ will visibly return to the earth on the last day to judge the world."

The Resurrection—"We believe that on the last day the dead will rise, their souls being clothed in the bodies which they possessed in this present life."

The Judgment—"On the last day Christ will receive into glory His invisible church, including all who died in the faith, and will pronounce the eternal doom upon all who refused to acknowledge Him as their Redeemer."

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THE CHURCH YEAR

The history of the Christian Church shows among many things, also the development of the church year. Among the Christian churches of today the Lutheran Church is one of the few which still follows the church year calendar. A few words may suffice to say what the church year is and means to the Christian Church.

The church year divides itself into two large parts, a "summer" season, extending from the first Sunday in Advent to the Trinity Sunday; a "winter" season, extending from the first to the twenty-seventh Sunday after Trinity Sunday. The former part may again be said to divide itself into three major parts. The first of these, the Christmas season, embracing the Sundays from the first Sunday in Advent to the sixth Sunday after Epiphany, may be spoken of as the springtime of the church year, because it prepares Christianity for the proper observation of the coming of the Son of God into the flesh. The birth of Jesus Christ, the high spot of this season, is the seed that God has sown for the redemption of man. A prime requisite it was that the Redeemer be a man, to permit the shedding of blood for the redemption of man (Heb. ix, 22; Without the shedding of blood there is no remission).

The second of these parts, the Easter season, beginning with the Sunday called Septuagesima and extending to the third Sunday after Easter (Jubilate) may be spoken of as the summer season proper, because in this season we see the redeeming work progressing, the seed is growing into full bloom; Good Friday and Easter, the high spots of this season, respectively, show us the death and the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and in and with the death and resurrection the finished redemption. (Rom. iv, 25: He was delivered for our offenses, and raised again for our justification.)

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The third season, the Pentecost season, reaching from the fourth Sunday after Easter (Cantate) to Trinity Sunday, may be styled the autumn of the church year. The lessons treating on Christ's redeeming work are brought to a close; this work of Christ's in so far is done, that now only the harvest is to be gathered in. This work of harvesting souls which Christ has redeemed is, properly speaking, the Holy Ghost's work, who applies the benefits of Christ's redemption to the individual. It is, therefore, the Holy Ghost's work and office which this part of the church year offers. The high spots of this season are Ascension Day, which shows Christ ascending into heaven to prepare a place for us and from where he will send the Holy Ghost, and Pentecost, when the Holy Ghost is poured out upon all flesh, and who now to gather in the harvest of souls begins to guide into all truth (John xvi, 13; 3000 converts on the first Pentecost day. Acts ii, 41).

This season is followed by a long "winter" season, embracing as high as 23 to 27 Sundays after Trinity Sunday, depending upon a late or an early Easter. "Winter" season it may be called, because this season is devoid of high church festivals, like Christmas, Easter, Pentecost. Then, also, in this season of the church year the redeeming work of Christ is not the main topic of the selection of lesson. The selections deal more about man and his direct needs; showing his inability to save himself by works and deeds of the law (see lesson for sixth Sunday after Trinity), showing, therefore, man's urgent need of the Saviour from sin, death, judgment, hell and condemnation. Also subjects as patience in cross and tribulation; steadfastness in faith; Christian love and charity are given due consideration. And because the lessons are pointed more to sinful man and his needs, to man with whom everything is dead in trespasses and sins (Eph. ii, 7), like as to the dead winter, therefore, the season may be termed the "winter" season of the church year.

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Every week the pastor's mail is cluttered up with pleas, suggestions and what not which he should bring into the pulpit the next Sunday in the form of a sermon. As this goes to the press we are just slipping in a "Sketch" for a "sermon" which narrowly escaped the waste paper basket. We offer the whole letter without a change to be copied by the printer. It reads as follows:

"Cruelty to helpless Animals is the lowest form of Cowardice," and by their deeds ye shall know them."

BE KIND TO ANIMALS ANNIVERSARY

APRIL 15-20, 1929

Humane Sunday, April 14, 1929.

During this one week, at least, we should lend our efforts to secure "fair play" for God's lower creation—dumb animals, and in thanksgiving that He saw fit to give us souls and make us creatures of the higher order. Therefore let us work for legislation to prevent cruelty and teach and preach against such inhuman abuses and cruelties as:

Cropping (cutting off) dogs ears.

Keeping Dogs in cold dark laundries and cellars.

Chaining Dogs, a most inhuman treatment of "man's best friend" and an act that fills the souls of neighbors and friends with compassion for the dog and his "chain-er."

If a dog must be kept on premises, owner should wire fence his yard, instead of tying dog, or at least have a light chain with ring on 50 foot wire, so dog can exercise, and not have his bedroom, bathroom, and dining room all within the space of a five foot chain (unsanitary, inhuman and an insult to the poor dog). A large comfortable dog house should be provided and it should be raised at least six inches from ground and this space boarded and a platform in front of the house so dog wont step out of house into mud.

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Training animals for circuses.

Caged birds and animals in homes and the zoo.

Deserting domestic pets, cats, dogs, etc., or losing them—to die a horrible death of thirst and starvation.

The above are but a few of the all too common cruelties. You can daily see others.

Lincoln said "slavery was like cruelty to helpless and speechless animals and that both filled his soul with abhorrence."

An affiliation with any "Humane Society" is as entering a new and beautiful world.

After honest religious worship, we should practice and teach "Be Kind to all Living Creatures," and I am sure we will be more acceptable in God's sight."

Samples of Humanity Uplifting Humane Magazines, literature, sermons, etc., may be had for the asking of any Humane Society, or American Humane Society, Boston, Mass., or National Humane Review, Albany, New York.

Friend: Hand, or mail, this to a neighbor, for blessed is the man who, if cruel to animals, will, like St. Paul, see the light and be converted to kindness.

Never destroy Religious or Humane Literature. Pass it on to others.

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AUTHOR UNKNOWN

Kindly deliver a "Kindness" sermon on Humane Sunday, or read, the above with announcements. Thanks in the name of abused animals."

To many even of our serious minded people this "sketch" will be a joke, not a sermon outline. Still we deplore the fact that there are thousands of churches in our land where the preachers use and encourage the sending of such trash. Among them are those who use Scripture only as an excuse for their being in the pulpit. Among them are such who join hands and hearts with the forces of antichrist, who are ever on the lookout for a new Sunday to add to their list of "Armistice," "Fellowship," "Clean up" and "What have you—Sundays! For every thousand dollars the Christians spend in missionary work these do a thousand dollars worth of harm, financially speaking, in sending people away disgusted with "Christianity." No, the Lutheran pastor must work! He must search the Scripture for his texts and sermons. This is what our Lord wanted though, when He said "Go ye and teach!" Oh, may the day draw near that people may realize WHY the Lutheran church is so conservative. May God enlighten their hearts to hear and ponder the loved and sincere call of our church:—"But we preach Christ Crucified!"

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"Oh, yes; some things."

"Well, what do you do then?"

"Why, my dear friend, I simply do as we do while eating this delicious shad. If I come to a bone, I quietly lay it on one side and go on enjoying the shad, and let some fool insist on choking himself with the bones."

Then the agnostic wound up his watch and went into the smoker.

God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spoke in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son, whom He hath appointed heir of all things. Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip.—Hebrews.

A CHRISTIAN IS—

A Mind—Through which Christ thinks.

A Heart—Through which Christ loves.

A Voice—Through which Christ speaks.

A Hand—Through which Christ helps.

When one sells principle for popularity he is bankrupt.

Bible reading and prayer are both necessary, but the former is more necessary than the latter, because it is more important to hear what God says to us than for us to speak to God. Neither can be safely neglected.

With God go over the sea, without Him do not go over the threshold.

In the Kingdom of Christ Jesus it is a thousand times better to be a Miss Somebody than to be a Mrs. Nobody.

A hero in the world is often a zero before Christ. The Bible each day keeps the devil away.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS CONCERNING CHURCH GOING

Why Go To Church?

Because God in His Bible commands us to go.

"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is." Hebrews 10:25.

"Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear." Eccl. 5:1.

"He that hath ears let him hear." Matt. 11:15.

"Receive . . . the Law From his Mouth, and lay up His words in thine heart." Job 22:22.

"Earth, earth, hear the word of the Lord." Jer. 22:29.

God's command to preach His Word implies the command to hear.

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15.

"He that heareth you heareth me; and he that despiseth you despiseth me; and he that despiseth me despiseth Him that hath sent me:" Luke 10:16.

Why Does God Want Man to Go to Church and Hear the Preaching of His Word?

All mankind is sinful and sorely needs forgiveness of sin to be eternally saved. Forgiveness of sins has been made possible through the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ only; and God offers and conveys this forgiveness to sinners by means of His Word.

"God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God." II Cor. 5:19, 20.

This word of God, proclaimed and heard, kindles faith in the sinner's heart! and faith accepts the forgiveness of sin and salvation.

"So then faith cometh by hearings, and hearing by the Word of God." Rom. 10:16.

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"How shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard?" Rom. 10:14.

"Blessed are they that hear the Word of God, and keep it." Luke 11:28.

"Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, and your soul shall live." Is. 55:3.

How Often Ought One Attend Church?

As often as God, through the "ambassadors of Christ," the ministers of the Gospel, has His Word preached, and as often as we are physically able to attend.

"Let the Word of God dwell in you richly." Col. 3:16.

"Lord, I have loved the habitation of Thy House, and place where Thine honor dwelleth. Ps. 26:8.

"And there was one Anna . . . a widow of about fourscore years, which departed not from the temple." Luke 2:36, 37.

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What Church Ought One Attend?

The church which preaches the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ in ALL ITS ENTIRETY and PURITY; that church which acknowledged the entire Bible to be the inspired Word of God and the only rule in all matters of faith and conduct, irrespective of the conclusions of human reason.

"Teaching them to observe ALL things whatsoever I have commanded you." Matt. 28:20.

"If ye continue in my Word, then are ye my disciples indeed, and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 7:31, 32.

"Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God! because many false prophets are gone out into the world." I John 4:1.

"Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offenses contrary to the doctrines which ye have learned; AND AVOID THEM." Rom. 16:17.

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The meeting was begun with
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A motion was made and passed
to have men and women
commune to gather.

A motion was made and passed
to adopt the individual
communion service

A motion was made and passed
to present the organist with
a gift of \$25.00 at Christmas.

Detroit, Mich.
Jan. 18, 1927.

We hereby offer and agree to purchase from Richard Vansteelandt and Maria Vansteelandt, his wife, the following described property, situated in the City of Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan, lot No. 154 with the exception of the northerly 38' of said lot, Leonard-Hillger Land Co's Sub. of a part of lots 16 and 17 and 18 of part of P.C. 300 prepared for the heirs of Oliver Rivard, deceased, and recorded in Liber 221, Page 332 and 333 Deeds, according to the plat thereof recorded in the Wayne County Register's office in Liber 41 of Plats Page 77, consisting of the South 23.40 feet of said lot on Lincoln Road and on the rear the south 13 4.34 feet of said lot, and to pay therefor the sum of Nineteen Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars (\$1,925.00) upon the following terms and conditions, One Hundred Dollars ~~(\$100.00)~~ (\$100.00) upon the signing of this agreement, receipt of which is hereby confessed and acknowledged to apply on purchase price, the sum of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) three weeks from date hereof and the balance of the seller's equity on or before April 1, 1927.

The sellers agree to pay the 1926 State and County Taxes.

Witnesses
Edwin B. Finch

x H. C. Arnett

We hereby accept the above offer and agree to the terms of same and will furnish abstract of title certified to date, showing marketable title.
We further agree to allow a period of three weeks to remove such buildings materials should the purchasers not be permitted to erect a church on the above mentioned premises.

Witnesses
Edwin B. Finch

x Richard Vansteelandt
x Maria Vansteelandt

Detroit Mich.

March; 29-1928

The Meeting was opened with prayer and creed in unison.

A motion was made and passed. To raise Pastors salary to ~~1400~~^{1400.00}, per year; and pay the Congregations part (16.50) for two month.

A motion was made and seconded. To have the Pastor receive bids on screens, paint, sidewalks, lawn and shrubery for the parsonage. Passed.

The perches of a lawn Mower and hose was tabeled untill the next meeting.

Ms H Englemann volunteered to repair the Church tower.

Ms H Gerslenschlager volunteered to repair water pipes

Adjournment with Lords Prayer.
Leslie Shrope Secy