

"Total Budget" # 1934. 45

The treasurer also presented a list of unpaid Bills which are due and payable but due to the present state of finances have not been paid.

The president appointed Mr. Ober and Mr. Mecker as auditors of the treasury record. Also note the reasons for church discipline.

Rev. Arndt read Mr. Geo. Mecker's report of the South Eastern Conference of the Michigan District at Monroe.

The council's resolution to be known as Amendment I, to the Constitution was then considered. Resolved, -

"That any member of the church who has attained the age of twenty one years shall be entitled to a vote in any or all congregational meetings of the church."

Mr. P. Kriwall moved, and Mr. Geo. Mecker seconded the motion that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Vote carried.

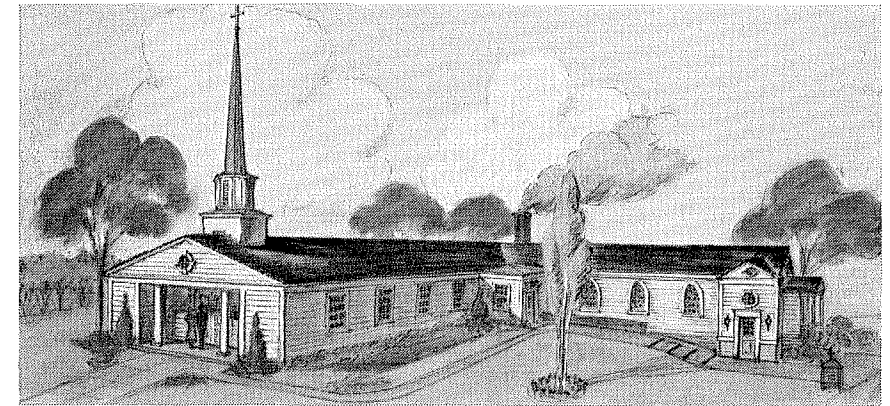
The council's resolution # 2 - Resolved that the congregation shall have the power to cancel from its membership all such who neglect to partake of Holy Communion (either privately or in the sanctuary) or

It shall also have the power to cancel from the membership roll all such who neglect to contribute to the treasury of the church for a period of one year. By such action on part of the congregation, all such members shall lose all property rights and other rights of membership until reinstated in the congregation.

This resolution was discussed quite thoroughly by Rev. Petera, Rev. and Rev. Moas, also the president spoke on this resolution. The general consensus of opinion was that the congregation already, by virtue of the constitution, has the power to cancel any such members as stated, and that any such member automatically forfeits his rights of membership. Motion by Mr. Gerstenochlager, that the foregoing resolution be adopted. There being no second to the motion, it was lost.

Council's resolution # 2, changes in Article 81 of the constitution. Resolved that the officers, president, secretary, and treasurer and the deacons of the church be elected.

AN EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE



*"Lord, I have loved the habitation of Thy house, and the
place where thine honour dwelleth." Ps. 26,8.*



A PRESENTATION OF THE BUILDING PROJECT
WHICH WE HOPE, BY THE GRACE OF GOD, TO
GET UNDER WAY WITH THE CELEBRATION OF
OUR SILVER ANNIVERSARY.



Mt. Olive Lutheran Church

Radnor at Mack Avenue

Detroit 24, Mich.

Why undertake this project?

AN EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE

"We love Him, because He first loved us". These familiar words of John, the apostle of love, express perhaps better than any other the reason for our action. God's love for us as a church has been great. For twenty-five years He has blessed us abundantly. In celebrating our silver anniversary we have more than ample opportunity to remember His love. There is, therefore, no more appropriate time to undertake such an active expression of our appreciation and love. We sincerely believe that neat, impressive church property is one of the best ways of telling all who pass by that we love Him whom we worship there.

A LONGFELT DESIRE

This is no new idea, however, conceived for this occasion. Almost a decade ago, on May 13, 1943, to be exact, a motion was made at a church council meeting to consider plans for enlarging the present church or building a new one. At the congregational meeting in July of the same year the proposal was enthusiastically endorsed and \$500 was drawn from the general treasury to be placed into the newly created building fund. The feeling was commonly shared by the members that Mt. Olive needed not only a larger church, but also a better one. Through the years the building fund grew slowly until it reached the approximate sum of \$4,000. But these were years of indecision also, few definite proposals being made and very little action being taken. As we now celebrate the 25th year of grace God has given us, we believe definite and decisive action is called for.

A GENUINE NEED

There are, of course, other considerations that play in. Since the widening of Mack Ave., the church property has presented an unsightly appearance. The ground along the avenue is ungraded and weed covered. To the outsider this tells only a story of disinterest on the part of those who belong to the church. The closeness of the parsonage to the church has become much more evident. The most conspicuous building is the garage standing by itself close to Mack. In recent years many new churches have gone up in our vicinity. The time is gone forever when Mt. Olive stands alone. People in the neighborhood have a choice of church. Naturally, the first thing that meets their eye is going to play a big part in determining their choice. Something neat and appealing can be just as attractive as something big and impressive. That is what we hope to have.

In our present church building there are many inconveniences and drawbacks which we hope to eliminate. The chancel is close and crowded, hardly an ideal setting for our beautiful altar, pulpit and lectern. There is no adequate place for a nursery. The kitchen is small and inconvenient, as the ladies will testify. In mentioning these things, we certainly do not want to give the impression that our present chapel is a badly designed eyesore. On the contrary, it has won the hearts of many. It's rather a question of something once adequate having become inadequate for our needs and purposes.

THE EXPRESSED WISH OF OUR MEMBERS

In discussing the matter of why this project should be undertaken there is another thing which should not be overlooked. Time and again we have heard members ask, "Are we going to do anything about a new church?" or, "We've been talking for a long time. When is something going to be done?" There is a will and desire on the part of the members to act. When a congregation has no goal to strive towards it tends to become stagnant and sluggish. The members who have a genuine love for their church certainly do not want this to happen to Mt. Olive. If we all get behind this project with our interest, efforts and prayers, it can become a wonderful stimulus to our church as a whole.

We sincerely believe that all these reasons mentioned are valid and substantial. And we believe that if you weigh them carefully, you will come to the same conclusion.

The progress so far

CLEARING THE WAY

The progress that we have made up to the present is not impressive outwardly, yet it is solid and essential progress. The strip of property which fronts on Mack Ave. was purchased for the sum of \$1500, a very fair price for its size and location. The utility companies which own the poles and wires dividing the property were contacted regarding their removal. Both Detroit Edison and Michigan Bell agreed to remove them at no cost whatever to our church. We have the assurance of the City Engineer that the sewer underneath what used to be the alley will not prevent building on the property. Thus the way has been cleared for full use of the property we now own.

ARCHITECT CONTACTED

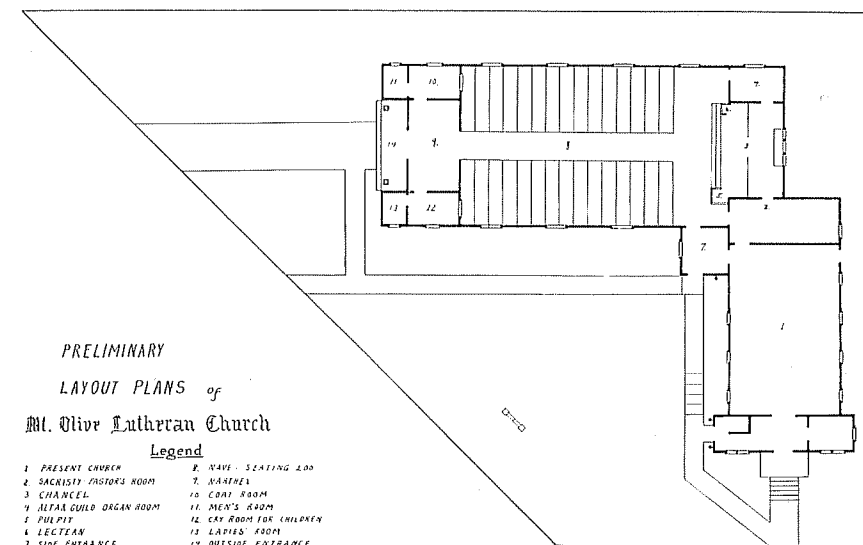
Another step of progress was the contacting of an architect who has had experience in church designing. The entire situation was presented to him for his recommendation - the property set-up, our needs and wishes, and our plans. On the basis of the discussion that followed the original idea of interchanging the parsonage and church and extensively remodeling the latter was discarded as impractical, because the expense would be out of proportion to what would be accomplished. The architect then offered to submit a sketch of what he believed would be the answer to our requirements. The sketch is reproduced in this brochure. This far the planning committee has progressed in its work. Any further steps are dependant upon the response of the congregation.

What are the specific plans?

THE PROPERTY LAYOUT

One thing was plain from the start. The present property is not large enough to hold the old church and parsonage plus a new building. The architect's suggestion was

that the parsonage be moved to a new location, leaving room for a new church which could be joined to the old. The latter would be altered somewhat to conform to the different type of architecture of the new building. It could be used either as a parish hall, or, better still, as a Christian Day School. Since it has a basement, the new building would need none, or only a partial one, thus saving expense. Room would be provided for a bigger and better kitchen, among other things.



The type of architecture suggested for the new building is colonial, a simple design with a graceful spire which leaves no one guessing what the purpose of the building is. The seating capacity of the size indicated on the architect's sketch would be about 200 - sufficient for any foreseeable needs of our congregation. The chancel would be much larger than the present one, adding considerably to the beauty of the interior. These are but a few of the possible improvements. Other details will be worked out if the congregation gives its approval to the general plans.

As for the parsonage, it would be ideal if we could place it on the property across Radnor. There it would be near enough to the church to be convenient. That property is now available, but we do not know for how long. By acquiring the entire piece we would not only have room for the parsonage, but also ample space for offstreet parking close to the church. This would be very desirable, and it would also be necessary, for city regulations demand that churches undertaking any expansion by remodeling or building provide such parking space.

WHAT MUST WE DO?

The architect estimates that the overall cost of this entire project would be in the neighborhood of \$53,000. Naturally, such a sum would not be forthcoming in a short time from our members. Much of it would have to be borrowed and later repaid. Or, another possibility presents itself. The project could be broken down into steps:

first, the acquiring of the necessary additional property, then, the moving of the parsonage, and finally the erection of the new church. This plan does not recommend itself, however, for the simple reason that the thing we want the most - a new church - would be delayed to the very last and perhaps for quite some time.

You, the members of Mt. Olive, must give the answer to the question of just what we can do. Sometime between Easter and our anniversary on April 27 men of the congregation will call on your homes to receive your pledges, or promises, of what you believe you can contribute. Here, as in all Christian giving, the rule holds good that you contribute as the Lord has prospered you. Your pledge will not only be an expression of your personal gratitude to God for His favors upon our church during its quarter century of existence, but it will also be your vote of confidence in this project we want to undertake.

HERE IS OUR FINANCING PLAN:

ESTIMATED COST OF PROJECT - \$53,000

CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS - 175

PAYMENTS - 24 months - (monthly or weekly envelopes)

TOTAL AMOUNT OF DESIRED PLEDGES - \$33,000

CAN WE REACH THIS GOAL? YES, IF WE RECEIVE

2 Pledges @ \$25 per. mo. (or about \$5.75 per week) totalling \$600 each	\$1,200
5 Pledges @ 20 per. mo. (or about 4.50 per week) totalling 480 each	2,400
15 Pledges @ 15 per. mo. (or about 3.50 per week) totalling 360 each	5,400
60 Pledges @ 10 per. mo. (or about 2.25 per week) totalling 240 each	14,400
65 pledges @ 5 per. mo. (or about 1.25 per week) totalling 120 each	7,800
20 Pledges @ 3 per. mo. (or about .75 per week) totalling 72 each	1,440
8 Pledges @ 2 per. mo. (or about .50 per week) totalling 48 each	384
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175	\$33,024

With the assurance of \$33,000 promised by our members we would have the clear signal to go ahead immediately with the long-awaited building project. It would mean that about \$20,000 would have to be borrowed from outside sources, but this amount would be well within our ability to pay in succeeding years.

The decision rests with you. If your love for your Savior is great, as it should be, you will be ready to sacrifice to the fullest extent of your ability that His name might be hallowed in this undertaking. You will place yourself as high as possible in the above schedule, knowing that God will repay bountifully that which is given to Him. In other words, this entire project is not so much a test of our ability to give, as it is a test of our love for Him whose love never fails.

The men who call on you are not going to high-pressure you in any way, but they will welcome any questions you may have and try to answer them. HOWEVER, IN ORDER THAT YOU MIGHT BE WELL INFORMED BEFOREHAND, WE WILL HAVE A CONGREGATIONAL INFORMATION MEETING BEFORE THE CANVASSERS GO OUT. ALL MEMBERS, MEN AND WOMEN, YOUNG AND OLD, ARE URGED TO COME. WE WILL BE GLAD TO HAVE YOUR SUGGESTIONS AND INQUIRIES. THE DATE OF THIS MEETING WILL BE WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, AT 8:00 P. M.

One more thing we would like to say in conclusion. A project such as is here outlined might seem huge and because it seems huge it might also seem frightening. We can avoid being stopped before ever getting started if we remember the adage: Where there's a will, there's a way. This is especially true when the will is the will of faith which loves God and is ready to undertake big things to His greater glory and which trusts that He will provide ways and means to accomplish them.

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