

THE GRACE OF GOD SHOWN IN THE PLANTING AND
NURTURING OF APOSTLES LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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I. TILLING THE SOIL FOR A NEW MISSION CONGREGATION

Back in the late 50's, Northern California was a new territory for the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). There were six WELS churches in the southern part of the state, but only one in the north part of the state. That one congregation in the north was located in Anderson and was organized in 1956. There were several families of our Synod who lived in the Bay Area. And since the nearest church was at a great distance, in 1959 the California Mission Board called Pastor Robert Hochmuth to the Bay Area to minister to these people. It was decided that the Santa Clara area would be a good central location to start a congregation. Therefore, in 1960 Pastor Robert Hochmuth organized Peace congregation, located on 855 Pomeroy Avenue in Santa Clara, Ca. Peace's first worship structure was dedicated on 10/7/63.

In 1963 after establishing Peace congregation, Pastor Hochmuth was also called to serve on the California District Mission Board. This board was responsible to research and recommend the starting of mission congregations. At this time most of our missions were started at the request of WELS people who relocated to a part of the country where there were no WELS churches. One such mission field was to

be the Vandenberg Air Force Base located in the Santa Maria area.

At the start this mission would be made up of primarily service men and their families. Because of the beginnings of the Space program under Pres. Kennedy, this area was developing very rapidly. The Village at the time of starting the mission (March 1964) had only two protestant churches. The population was about 2500 people and growing. The DMB (District Mission Board) bought a house which was to be used to hold services (beginning March 1964) whenever the Pastors from Santa Clara or from Southern Cal. were able to conduct them. A new section of the Village was to be developed in July of 1964 with four church sites in it. Our mission had top priority for one of these sites.

At this time a young Pastor was called to serve this mission. His name was Pastor David Valleskey who was currently serving at Livingston, Montana. Because of the relatively short time at Livingston (less than 2 years) and the fact that the church at Livingston had suffered a controversy just before Pastor Valleskey arrived there and also because there was still tremendous potential for evangelism right in his own back yard, Pastor Valleskey declined this call. Pastor Harold Essman was also called to this mission, but declined.

In the meantime, much of the space program was diverted to Houston, Texas under the leadership of President Johnson.

Because of this move, most of the people associated with the program were transferred to other locations. And this left the Vandenburg area very slim for the growth of a congregation.

II. THE FIELD BECOMES RIPE IN SAN JOSE.

Looking back at the Bay Area, San Jose was just beginning to mushroom to the south. One big factor which contributed to this growth was the new IBM plant which was located at the southern part of San Jose. People were beginning to come to San Jose by the vast numbers. As was mentioned before, usually a mission congregation was started at the request of members of the WELS. But in this case, the main reason that San Jose was being considered for the site of a new congregation was because of the vast potential of growth of the area. The DMB recognized this and were anxious to get in to San Jose on the ground floor of development.

In the early part of 1963, the Jeffers family who were members of Peace congregation bought a home in the Seven Trees area of San Jose. A few other families also moved to the southern side of San Jose. At this time, the public school system allowed the children to attend a Bible class for one hour a week. So Pastor Hochmuth conducted a Bible

class in the Jeffers home. The prospects looked good and in the summer of 1963 a vacant duplex at 3707 Senter Road was rented and a VBS was held. There was much interest as 55 children from the neighborhood attended.

The interest was there and the starting of a mission in San Jose was becoming a reality. But what should we call this mission? In the bulletin of June 23, 1963, the Peace congregation was asked to give their preference as to a name. A copy of that bulletin can be found in the appendix.

III. PLANTING THE SEED OF APOSTLES.

Now the process of finding a site was at hand. In September of 1963, Pastor Hochmuth and Pastor Eckert, who was the Charman of the Board of Trustees of the Synod, looked at a site located at the southern most part of San Jose. Garcia Associates was the developer who would sell the site to the mission board. At this point in time, the site was located on the edge of where the proposed housing development would be located. There was no decision made right away on this site. But by December 4, 1963 some big changes had occurred. Another developer, Kay homes, was going to develop the land adjoining our proposed site and this would increase our growth potential significantly.

The site for Apostles included about 4 1/2 acres of area. The cost for the site was \$38,250. Out of this area

1&1/2 acres had to be deeded back to the city for streets and easements, which left 3 acres. It was recommended and later followed that several tracts of the site be sold off to recupe some of the costs of the site. Five lots, after we put improvements on them, were sold for \$6,000 each or \$30,000. This left the site with approximately 2 acres which is the present site. Of this 2 acres 7,000 sq. ft. was designated for the parsonage. Around May of 1964 the deal for the purchase of the site was closed.

Next the DMB was anxious to start holding services. Pastor Hochmuth could use some help on this, so in the summer of 1964 the DMB relocated Vicar Jon Mahnke from Southern Cal. to the Bay Area. Here he worked with Pastor Hochmuth in serving the San Jose area. Of course the site would not be ready to hold services for quite some time so a temporary alternative location had to be found. The first location was at the Almaden Youth Center, which was the barracks at the old Almaden school. This was located south of Blossom Hill Rd., east of Almaden Road (now Expressway). At this site, Vicar Mahnke and Pastor Hochmuth held a second VBS in the summer of 1964. There were 32 in attendance at the first church service, which was conducted by Vicar Mahnke at this Almaden site on June 7, 1964. In the appenix you will find a flyer announcing the starting of services and the two lists of people who attended the first service.

This location was not really the most desirable even

for a temporary situation. It was very difficult to find and there was some vandalism of the building going on. The push was on to get the first unit on the site, but Apostles would have to bear with the situation a while longer. Because of these problems with the Almaden location, a new place of worship was found. The only place available was in an amusement park called Frontier Village. There was a storeroom above the "Silver Dollar Bar" and this was available for Apostles to use. And on Oct. 25, 1964 the first service was held here. There is a picture of the congregation at the entrance to the park located in the appendix.

Unfortunately, this location was not much better than the Almaden location. The actual location was better because it was easier to find and was much closer to the church site. But the room was very drafty and hard to keep warm. Also the rains came and the roof leaked. There was a long walk in the rain to get to the room so the attendance dropped off significantly. There was a great need to get a building of some sort on the site where the congregation could worship and reach out to this ripe harvest of people.

As was stated before, the Vandenburg area had not produced what was expected. And since there had been funds in the amount of \$35,000 allocated to Vandenburg for a building and for the calling of a Pastor, the DMB put a proposal to the Board of Trustees, on Dec. 3, 1964, which

would not only transfer the funds from Vandenburg to San Jose, but also would give the OK to build a first unit of about 1,800 sq. ft. on the site. Since the field in Vandenburg no longer seemed ripe, these funds were transferred to the San Jose site by the fall of 1964. But the request for the building approval was denied. The Board of Trustees felt that it would be much more advantageous to start with a complete plant rather than just a small building. Rather than becoming totally discouraged, Pastor Hochmuth and the Apostles congregation, on Dec. 18, 1964, approached the Board of Trustees with another solution.

They proposed that they build a building on the north corner lot. This would leave the choice corner of the site for the church building. The proposed building would be built in such a way that the inside layout would be wide open for a large meeting room. In the future, when the church was built, this building could easily be turned into the parsonage by adding some walls to partition the house into livable rooms. With a ranch style house this could be accomplished very easily. By Dec. 30, 1964 the Board of Trustees had approved this plan with the stipulation that the cost of the partition-less parsonage would not cost any more than a regular parsonage. The building plan was now underway.

In the mean time while the DMB was asking for approval for building on the site, a call went out for a Pastor to

serve Apostles Lutheran Church. The call was first extended to Pastor Found of Phoenix. He accepted the call, but soon after his acceptance was asked by his congregation to reconsider. The congregation had just finished building and feared a set back if their Pastor left at that time. Pastor Found changed his mind and declined the call. The call was then extended to Pastor Parcher, who also declined it. On November 17, 1964 a third call went out to Pastor James Radloff of Pelican Lake, Wis., but he declined the call also. Then on December 10, 1964 the call went out to a young, energetic Pastor named David Valleskey. Pastor Valleskey as was mentioned was serving a congregation in Livingston, Montana for three years. He was assigned to Livingston directly from the Seminary. At first he hesitated about this call since there was still a great deal to be done. But after several weeks of deliberation, the Holy Spirit led Pastor David Valleskey to accept the call and he responded as such by the first week of Jan. 1965. Thus began his work with Apostles Lutheran Church which would span over 19 & 1/2 years.

Being that there would need to be a call issued and accepted to Livingston, Pastor Valleskey agreed to be installed on March 14, 1965. Through the grace of the Lord, the call issued for Livingston was accepted by Jan. 27, 1965. This fact permitted Pastor Valleskey to arrive several weeks sooner. The installation was moved back to Feb. 28, 1965.

On this date he was installed at Peace Lutheran Church as Pastor of Apostles Lutheran Church. A copy of the installation service can be found in the appendix along with a newspaper article which announces the installation.

Back to the building plan, Pastor Hochmuth, in mid Jan. was pushing hard to receive the OK to have the master plan drawn up. Not only did the city want the master plan underway, but also it would be a plus to be able to show prospective members that the church is serious about its permanency. Soon after his installation, Pastor Valleskey was hard at work serving the congregation and continuing the building project which had been started. On April 18, 1965 the Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Parsonage was held after the Easter service. This service, attended by 65 people, was very encouraging as all who were visitors were unchurched families. By the end of summer the parsonage was complete. And on August 8, 1965 the parsonage was dedicated with Pastor Robert Hochmuth as the guest speaker. Once again, if you look in the appendix you will find a newspaper article on the dedication with an architects rendition of what the final site would look like.

There were indeed many unchurched people in the area who Pastor Valleskey called on. In these early years Pastor Valleskey did much door to door evangelism. He would canvass the area and then go back and talk to those who would listen. The response was good and the congregation

besan to grow. By June 30, 1965 the number of souls being served was 45 with 10 being Communicants. At the end of December 1965 that number had increased to 91 souls and 13 Communicants. Sunday school classes were in full swing and had an enrollment by the end of the year of 75. Even Adult Bible class had a faithful 5 people attending. The vacation Bible school enjoyed a tremendous influx of 103 children. God was surely blessing this mission at San Jose.

The growth that was seen in 1965 continued and the need was becoming great to erect the first church building. In February, bids were let out for our first church. And on April 24, 1966 there was a groundbreaking ceremony held. The congregation was very excited and pitched in to help in the building. Many hours of volunteer labor from the congregation were spent on painting and tiling. After 5 months, the first church building, at a cost of \$46,500, was ready to be dedicated to the Glory of the Lord. At this dedication service, Pastor Joel Gerlach was asked to be the guest speaker and Pastor Paul Heyn assisted with the liturgy. Pastor Heyn was the chairman of the Cal DMB which was very instrumental in the founding of Apostles.

Up until June 28, 1966 the Apostles congregation was an exploratory mission of the WELS. On this date (June 28, 1966) Apostles was accepted as a member of the Arizona-California District of the WELS. What an exciting date. Only to be compared to the date of October 9, 1966.

This is the date when the congregation was formally organized. Our first Church Council was formed on this date in accordance with the recent acceptance and adoption of our first Constitution and Bylaws in July 1965.

The congregation was now off to a good start. Further, on September 1, 1965 the ladies of Apostles met for the first time to organize a ladies group. They chose the name "Apostles Lutheran Ladies' Guild" for their group. Also in September, our first children's confirmation class was begun. To go along with the need for instruction, our first adult Sunday morning Bible class was held on October 2, 1966.

The congregation was blessed with steady growth as attested to by the statistics of 1966 put beside those of 1965.

	1965	1966
Souls-----	63	154
Communicants---	13	47
Sunday school--	75	96
Adult Bible----	5	15
Vacation Bible-	103	129

All in all the year of 1966 was a "Year of Beginnings under the Grace of God."

IV. WATERING AND FERTILIZING APOSTLES.

The following is a brief history on the growth of the church up to the present day.

THE YEAR OF 1967

In January the Apostles Ladies Guild adopted its constitution.

In fall our first choir was organized.

THE YEAR OF 1968

In the summer, a Christian Education building was found and purchased for \$30,000. It was moved onto our site in four sections which were then joined together to form our present Christian Day School.

In September the Lutheran Girl Pioneers and the Youth Group were organized.

THE YEAR OF 1969

In the fall, the Lutheran Boy Pioneers and Buckaroos were organized.

THE YEAR OF 1970

On February 14 the Voters' Assembly approved the opening of our Christian Day School which would serve our children from grade 1 through grade 8. At this time they approved the calling of two teachers.

In the summer the residence located at 724 El Sereno Drive was purchased to serve as the principal's home.

On August 23 Principal Mark Sprengeler was installed. Also at this time a teacher for the lower grades was installed at Peace congregation.

In September the Christian Day School began with an enrollment of 49 children. Also in September, our first and only full-time Vicar began his work. His name was Marcus Birkholz and he served us for one year, through the financial assistance of the Home Mission Board of the WELS.

THE YEAR OF 1971

On June 13 there was a special service to celebrate the fact that our congregation was soon going to be self-supporting. Our District President I.G. Frey was asked to preach at this service.

On June 30 our congregation was officially self-supporting.

THE YEAR OF 1972

In June we received the help of a summer Vicar named Thomas Bartz.

On September 10 we held another special service of induction for our three new teachers. They were: Miss Janet Attarian for grades 4&5, Miss Sandra Heinze for the lower grades, and Mrs. Mark Sprengeler for the kindergarten.

THE YEAR OF 1973

In June Summer Vicar Daniel Hrobsky arrived.

THE YEAR OF 1974

In September we had the induction of several more new teachers: Miss Kathy Delnes for grades 5&6, Miss Glory Ann Hillmer for grades 3&4, and Miss Nancy Schumacher for the Kindergarten and remedial class.

THE YEAR OF 1975

In June we inducted Mr. Timothy Gallert as our new 5th and 6th grade teacher.

THE YEAR OF 1976

In May we accepted into our midst Summer Vicar Thomas Valleskey (Brother of our Pastor).

In September we welcomed two new teachers: Miss Peggy Bishop for grade 4, and Miss Patrina Fries for grades 2&3.

On December 5 we held a service of thanksgiving to the Lord for our tenth anniversary of our formal organization and for the tenth anniversary of our church dedication.

THE YEAR OF 1977

On January 15 there was a planning meeting held to discuss the possibility of starting a Lutheran High School in our area. A board was elected to study this issue.

On February 6 Mr. Merlin Meltner was inducted as our new 4th grade teacher.

On February 27 the groundbreaking service for our new sanctuary was held. The architect was Mr. Stephen Clark and the contractor was Mr. Marvin Olson.

In June Pastor Valleskey and family moved into their own home located at 726 El Sereno Drive. The former parsonage became a teacherage.

On September 6 we welcomed new teachers: Mrs. Marie Mosier for kindergarten and remedial, Miss Carolyn Sabrowsky for grade 5, and Mr. Thomas Schwartz for grade 6.

THE YEAR OF 1978

This was a very special year as we saw the dedication of our new church(the present church). In the appendix you will find a copy of the service of dedication.

On April 30 we dedicated our new church.

THE YEAR OF 1979

In September Scott Klein was installed as our Associate Pastor.

THE YEAR OF 1980

In September we welcomed new teachers: Mark Birsching for grades 3&4, Dayna Hahn for grade 2, Meribeth Hahnke for grade 1, and Douglas Stubait for grades 5&6.

THE YEAR OF 1981

In September we welcomed our new teachers: Amy Peterson for grade 4, and Ronald Zimmer for grade 6.

THE YEAR OF 1982

In September James Wade arrived at our congregation and was inducted as our Vice Principal and teacher of grades 6&7.

THE YEAR OF 1984

Our Principal Mark Sprengeler left Apostles to serve our Synod in Hong Kong.

In June Pastor David Valleskey left Apostles to serve as Professor at the Seminary located in Mequon, Wisconsin.

In July Pastor Jon Mahnke was installed as our Senior Pastor.

In September we welcomed our new teachers: Paul Bauer as

Vice Principal and teacher of grade 7, Marvis Beutel for grade 2, and Carrie Waldschmidt for grade 5.

THE YEAR OF 1987

In September we welcomed Jeanine Heller as teacher of grade 4.

THE YEAR OF 1988

On May 23 we officially opened our child care center.

In September we welcomed Rebecca Bauer as our teacher for our kindergarten.

At the Gracious Hand of our Lord, our church has definately been blessed over our quarter of a century existance. We have seen our congregation grow from a handful of souls to a vivarant, thriving membership of over 800 committed loving Christians. We praise and thank our God and Father for this growth and we continue to look forward to many more wonderful bountiful years from Him.

APPENDICES TO:

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Holy Spirit, bless the hour of worship in this place so that we may be refreshed in faith and devotion after the toils and burdens, sins and failures, of the week past. We need our Savior's invitation, "Come unto Me and I will give you rest." Teach us to come into Thy presence with contrite hearts and let us depart with the assurance of Thy forgiveness and Thy peace.

Old Testament: Proverbs 9, 1-10

The life with God is nourished and fed at the table of Divine Wisdom, pictured as hostess inviting needy sinners to the way of understanding and blessed association.

Gospel: Luke 14, 16-24

Our Lord has provided and freely offers the best of all blessedness. Procrastination is folly. All excuses that men invent for rejecting His invitation are vain and wicked. We need to recognize that His claim on us must be given priority. If we are indifferent, others will be found to benefit of His mercy.

Text: I John 3, 13-18

What side of life are you living on?

Welcome to visitors and newcomers. We pray that your Savior invitation to pardon and life and peace has been brought a little closer to your heart this morning and we invite you to accept the Word of the living God each Sunday.

High School Young People are asked to meet in the classroom after the service.

A white sweater (girl's) has been left here several weeks ago and is unclaimed.

NEXT SUNDAY Morning Service at regular time 10:45.

This is a cancellation of an earlier announcement, necessitated to coordinate with our sister congregation Gloria Dei, San Carlos, for summer scheduling of pupil exchanges.

Sunday School teachers and volunteers who have offered to help during summer absences are asked to plan for next staff meeting on Friday June 28. Teaching materials are available today.

SUMMER BIBLE SCHOOL HELPERS are asked to return the enlistment form today, if possible. We look forward to enjoyable and profitable weeks for God's children, deepening their understanding and strengthening their hold on His love revealed in Christ, their Friend.

Planter masonry work was completed yesterday. The July voters' meeting will consider proposal for free-standing cross. Church decorator firm made suggestions for chancel carpet. Samples and bids to be considered July 14. All stevens have been delivered. Trustees will appreciate volunteers for installation.

lay-visitor volunteers are asked to contact the pastor today. There are contacts that ought to be made in the next two weeks.

San Jose Our Mission Board has given the go-ahead to Mission work leading to the formation of a congregation in the newest area of San Jose.

School session has been the first step. This work will be the responsibility of our congregation and pastor until a full time pastor is available. This procedure is being followed in numerous areas of our synod's work.

An initial step which seems advisable at this time is the selection of a name to designate this station. To avoid conflict with other congregations and to select a name of ready significance present difficulty. Please indicate your preference and hand this slip to an usher. Please circle one.

- Apostles' Lutheran Church
- Bethlehem Lutheran Church
- King of Glory Lutheran Church
- Lutheran Church



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We are happy to announce the beginning of

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES 10:45am
at our temporary meeting place:
YOUTH CENTER
east side of Almaden School
1090 Downer Avenue

The first series of Sunday morning services will be designed to

BUILD ON THE FOUNDATION OF THE APOSTLES FOR LIFE WITH GOD

- June 7, Matthew - Jesus is the Son of God
- June 14, Mark - Jesus is the Ransom for the Whole World
- June 21, Luke - Jesus Humbled Himself to Complete the Reconciliation
- June 28, John - Jesus is the Victorious Helper for Sinful Mankind
- July 5, Peter - Jesus' Return will Conclude this World's Existence
- July 12, Paul - Jesus' Love is our Confidence for Time and Eternity

Sunday School continues to meet 9:30 to 10:30 each Sunday

Our aim is to help you make your children sure where
they stand with God.

Our building program is set to proceed on our site

at Blossom Avenue and the future Santa Teresa Boulevard
(in Sunrise Valley)

We are waiting for city utilities to be brought to the site.

Vacation Bible School for all school-age pupils is planned for

July 20 - 31, Monday through Friday, 9:30 - 11:30
This summer's course is titled: I BELIEVE
It is intended to make your children sure of what
God has done for them.

"Built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself
being the chief Cornerstone."
Ephesians 2, 20



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INITIAL WORSHIP SERVICE June 7, 1964

Mr. + Mrs. David M. Johnson 5761 Blossom Ave., S. J.
Mrs. Robert Stoehmich 3451 Eden Dr. S. J.
Pete Sjugsson 1334 Stevens Dr., S. J.
Mr and Mrs. Fred Gregersen 1334 Garraus Dr. S. J.
Polly Runk 2259 Latham St., Mt. View
Mary Lou Hyson Gard Rd.
Debbie Stubbs
Cheryl Stubbs
Sandra Stubbs
Carla Stubbs
Mr & Mrs Stubbs
Mrs Thelma Szody 254 Santa Rosa Dr.
George Szody
Mr. + Mrs. Cliff Jeffers + Gary
Mrs M. Timminello
Eddy ~~S~~PSZODY 4169 San Miguel Way



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Initial Worship Service June 7, 1964

Mrs Jackson 4098

Lyn Jackson 4095

David Mark Johnson

Karen Johnson 5761

Julia Ellen Bean 5743

Peggy Jeffers

Noreen Tumminello 4169

SIDNEY (Macklin)

KAREN (Jeffers)

LYN (Jackson)

Lynn Szody

Ernie Szody 259 Santa Rosa Dr.



**THE REV.
DAVID VALLESKEY**

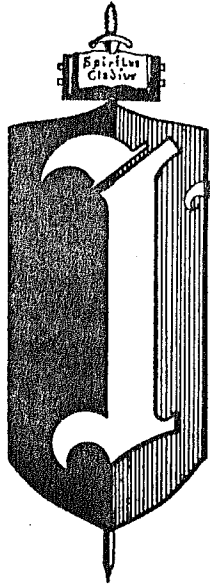
Church To Install Missionary

The Rev. David Valleskey will be installed Sunday as home missionary of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod called to organize the Apostle Lutheran Church here.

The Rev. Mr. Valleskey comes here from Livingston, Mont. where he was pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church for the last three years.

He is married and has two small daughters.

The installation will be held at the Peace Lutheran Church in Santa Clara at 7:30 p.m. with the Rev. Paul Heyn of Pomona delivering the main service.



In Nomine Jesu

Reposing full confidence in your faithfulness to our Lord Jesus Christ and in your zeal for winning souls, we, the Board of Home Missions for the California Mission District of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, by authority vested in us by the General Mission Board of said Synod, herewith, in

the name of the Triune God call you, David Valleskey,

into our service as missionary at .. Apostles, San Josea, California and Ascension in Loupoc and such other place or places as we may in the future designate.

We charge you to preach the Gospel of our Lord in its truth and purity and to administer the Sacraments, in accordance with the inspired Word of God and the Confessions of the Ev. Lutheran Church as laid down in the Book of Concord of 1580, and to establish and maintain always sound Lutheran practice;

to be ever zealous for the winning of souls for Christ's Kingdom;

to make special efforts to gather our children, as well as such other children whom the Lord may commit to your care, about their Savior

by establishing a Sunday School, a Saturday school, a summer school, or, where in the judgment of the District Mission Board conditions warrant it, a Christian day school;

to arrange Bible classes for the confirmed youth for further growth in Christian knowledge, wherever practicable;

to walk and conduct yourself at all times as it becometh a minister of Christ — 1. Tim. 3, 2-7; Titus 1, 7-9 — so that by your godly life men may be provoked to love and good works and those who are without may haply also be won by it;

to devote your entire time and strength and ability to the work that lies before you and prayerfully and conscientiously to gather in the harvest of the Lord.

Being mindful of our Lord's injunction that they who preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel we herewith fix your salary at \$.....Code.... per month, subject to the regulations of the General Mission Board of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Allowances for travel will be made in accordance with the regulations of said Board, and adequate quarters will be provided for you.

Furthermore, we shall at all times consider you, together with ourselves, as a co-worker of our Lord and shall treat you with that respect and brotherly consideration which the members of Jesus Christ owe each other, and shall stand ready always to aid and assist you in your difficult work according to the ability which God giveth.

We trust that you will recognize in this CALL the voice of your Lord Jesus Christ, and we pray that He, the Head of the Church, may give you willingness and strength joyfully to follow it and faithfully to labor in the field, to the glory of His most holy name and the salvation of immortal souls.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

The Board of Home Missions for the.....California Mission.....
District of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod,

Paul Hryn.....Chairman
Robert Schmidt.....Secretary

Given and signed this.....10th.....day of.....December....., 19.64.

at.....Pomona, California.....

as home missionary of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod to organize and serve Apostles congregation of San Jose, and Ascension congregation at Vandenberg AFB, California.

7:30pm February 28 1965

Processional - "The Church's One Foundation"

- Pastor David Valleskey
- Pastor Paul Heyn, Chmn., California Mission Board
- Pastor Robert Kaldschmidt, Gloria Dei Ev. Lutheran Church, Belmont.
- Pastor G.F. Zimmerman, Christ Ev. Lutheran Church, Lodi
- Mrs. Archer Frey, Laymember, Calif. Mission Board
- Pastor Robert Hochmuth, Peace Lutheran Church

Opening Hymn - "We Bid Thee Welcome" 484

The Order of Service, Preface page 41.

Prayer asking that the gifts of the Holy Spirit be poured upon this servant of God.

The Lesson: II Corinthians 4, 1-7

The Apostle recognizes that any genuine success in delivering men from sin by preaching the Gospel must be accomplished by God. The human messenger is frail, but the divine Gospel is the power unto salvation. He is committed to the proclamation of Christ as Lord and Savior.

"Speak, O Lord, Thy Servant Heareth" Facker

The choir of Gloria Dei Ev. Lutheran Church
Roberta Bryoe, director

The sermon: II Peter 2, 16-21

THE GLORIFIED CHRIST WILL COME AGAIN
Pastor Paul Heyn

The Rite of Installation
The Scriptural Exhortations
The Pastor's Commitment and Vow
The Public Acknowledgement
The Prayer of Fellow-believers

The Benediction
Pastor Valleskey

Congregation: Amen. Amen. Amen

Closing Hymn

Saints of God the Dawn is Brightening

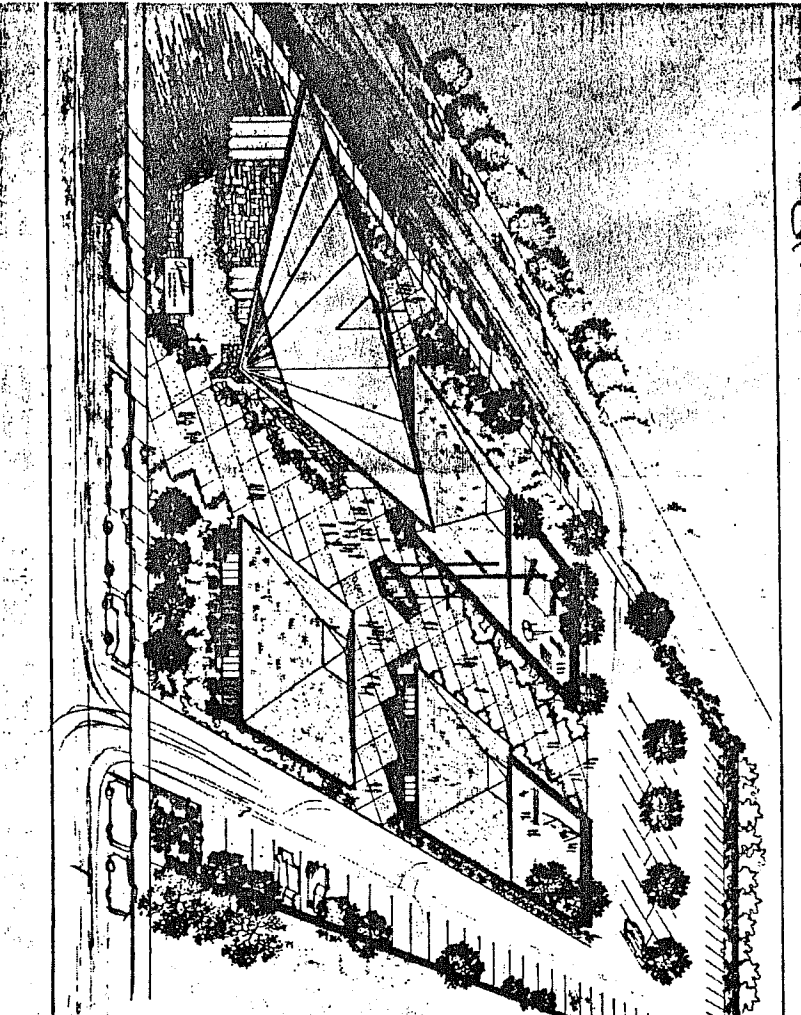
Postlude - Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Mrs. J. Chasty, organist

Pastor Valleskey, his wife Janice, and daughters Beth and Rebecca, have come here from Livingston, Montana, where he served St. Paul's Lutheran Church for the past three years.

Born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, he spent his childhood and youth in Detroit, Michigan, where his father is a Lutheran pastor. In 1958 he received his B.A. at Northwestern College, Watertown, Wisconsin, and graduated from the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, in 1962. He served a year as vicar at Hendricks, Minnesota, and Argo, South Dakota.

He is making his residence at 110 Roundtable Drive (Unit 12-1), San Jose, where he will have his study until a building unit is completed at the site in Sunrise Valley. His phone: 225-0448.
All are invited to remain for refreshments and an opportunity to get acquainted.

Dedication for Apostles Church



At lower right is the first unit to be built in early 1966. To be used as the sanctuary until the main sanctuary is built, it will later be the fellowship hall. It will seat 165 with overflow for 150 plus 1800 sq. ft. of Sunday school space. Lower left is the future main sanctuary to seat 350. Upper two buildings will be educational buildings, each containing four classrooms.

A dedication service 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 8, marks completion of the first phase of the building program of Apostles Lutheran Church of the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod, 60001 Blossom Ave., San Jose. In the Sunrise Valley tract, Apostles congregation has been meeting weekly at Frontier Village for the past nine months through the courtesy of its owners and management.

To be dedicated is a rather unique 2,000 sq. ft. building, designed by Architectural Associates, Inc., of 1900 Camden ave., San Jose, to serve two purposes: to serve at present as the first church for this new congregation, and in the future to be the church's parsonage.

According to the pastor of Apostles, the Rev. David Valleskey, the building will be well suited for both purposes. The chapel, consisting of a living room-family room-dining room combination, will accommodate 60 worshippers. The five remaining rooms will serve as Sunday school classrooms.

Minor alterations will change this church into a parsonage into which the pastor and his family will move in 1966. At present Pastor Valleskey lives at 720 Laguna Becca ct., in Sunrise Valley.

Construction of the first unit of a proposed four-unit church plant, also to be designed by Architectural Associates, Inc., is scheduled to begin shortly after the new year. It will be located directly south of the present building.

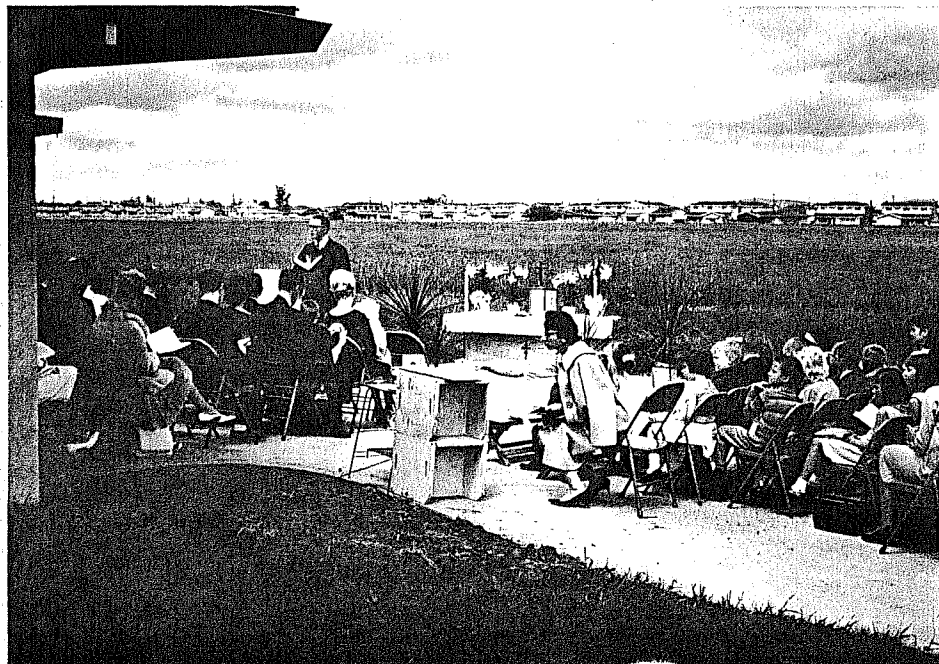
This first unit will have a 165 person seating capacity, with overflow for 150 more. There will be 1,800 sq. ft. of space for Sunday school purposes. The future main sanctuary, to seat 350, will be located on the corner of Blossom ave. and the proposed Santa Teresa Expressway. Two four-classroom units will complete the building program.

After the dedication service, the first major activity in the new church will be a Vacation Bible School, Aug. 16 to 27, for children in the neighborhood from ages 4 1/2

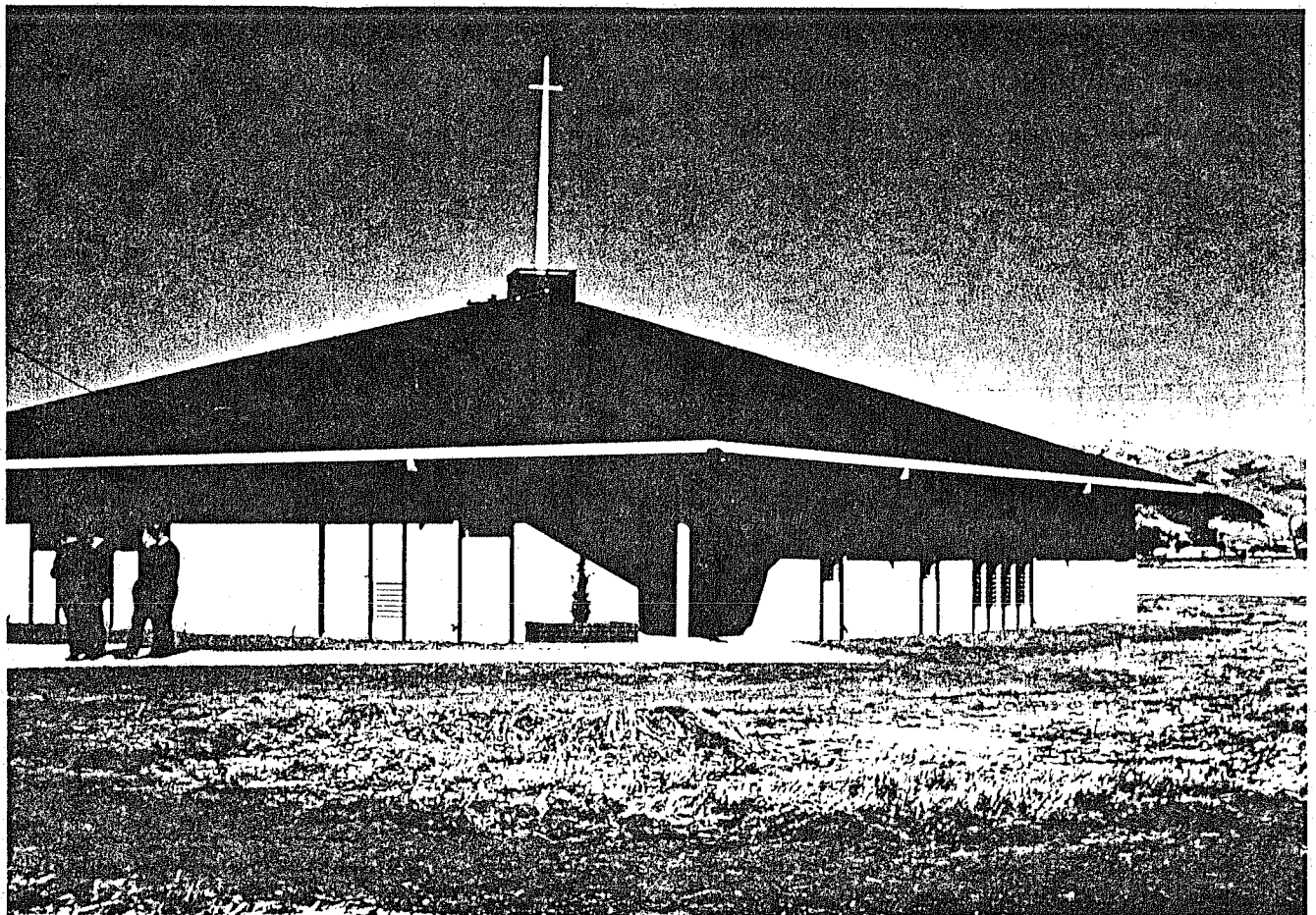
to 14. Anyone desiring further information, call 292-0446.

The service schedule beginning August 15 is as follows: Sunday school and Bible study classes for all ages 9:15 a.m. Worship service: 10 a.m.

General contractor for building was the Gooding Boggs Construction Co., 1111 Grace ave., San Jose.



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APOSTLES LUTHERAN CHURCH
San Jose, California

PASTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT - January 1, 1965, to December 31, 1965

	<u>June 30, 1965</u>	<u>December 31, 1965</u>
Souls	45	91
Communicants	10	13
Sunday school teachers	4	5
Sunday school enrollment	31	75
Adult class enrollment	5	7
Vacation Bible School	--	103
Adult Bible class	0	5
Released Time	9	--
Weekday Bible School (Thursday aft., grades 1-6)	--	30

	<u>First Half</u>	<u>Second Half</u>	<u>Total</u>
Number of services	32	30	62
Average attendance	20	50	35
Number of communion services	4	4	8
Number communed	28	40	68
Average communion attendance	--	--	5
Number of children baptized	0	10	10
Number of adults baptized	0	1	1
Number of adults confirmed	0	3	3
Number of marriages	0	0	0
Number of burials	0	0	0
Prospect calls made	125	192	317
Canvass calls made	254	200	454
Average contributions per communicant--			
For local purposes	\$101.20	--	\$186.
For missions, synodical budget			\$20.

Our congregation at present is not organized, not incorporated, and not a member of the Synod. We intend to apply for membership at the District Convention of the Arizona-California District in June, 1966.

Respectfully submitted,
Pastor David Volckley

ANNUAL REPORT of the pastor, cont.

NINE-YEAR PROFILE OF OUR GROWTH

	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1971</u>	<u>1972</u>	<u>1973</u>	<u>1974</u>
Communicant Members	47	89	120	146	189	200	248	253	276
Sunday Sch. Enr.	96	149	170	179	205	169	216	205	220
Cradle Roll Enr.	11	16	18	48	49	56	46	48	47
Total Souls	154	254	308	373	443	425	508	506	543
School Enrollment	-	-	-	-	51	59	79	91	126
Av. Church Att.	66	101	146	161	177	193	216	220	249
Av. Sunday Sch. Att.	46	70	90	91	99	84	97	101	119
Av. Mo. Communion Att.	19	37	43	73	91	106	116	128	139
Av. Ind. Comm. Att.	5.0	5.0	4.9	6.0	5.6	6.4	6.0	6.9	6.0
Bible Class Enr. (Adult & Teens)	15	15	17	33	28	50	74	101	130
WBS Enrollment	35	35	55	65	57	38	-	-	-
VBS Enrollment	129	117	257	275	248	149	208	171	213
Baptisms - Youth	24	25	19	24	17	27	30	24	21
- Adult	4	9	4	2	2	5	8	4	4
Confirmations-Youth	-	1	2	7	11	7	18	7	14
-Adult	11	17	12	8	8	16	24	10	12
Receipt. by Profession of Faith	12	29	26	25	23	23	9	16	18
Receipt. by Transfer	10	2	2	13	12	2	3	2	7
Membership Losses	-	7	6	15	10	33	21	30	27
Marriages	-	2	2	4	2	6	0	1	2
Burials	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	0
Receipts	\$ 6,321	\$ 9,602	\$16,955	\$21,128	\$34,724	\$44,877	\$57,586	\$71,349	\$88,888
Subsidy Required	4,847	2,807	1,565	600	105	---	---	---	---
Disbursements	12,802	12,965	18,887	23,216	34,488	44,612	56,645	71,910	87,776
Av. All-Purpose Giving Per Comm.	135	108	141	145	169	202	200	232	282
Synod Mission Offerings Per Comm.	16.15	14.91	17.19	18.49	14.21	20.54	20.37	27.56	31.51

TEN-YEAR PROFILE OF OUR GROWTH

	<u>1974</u>	<u>1975</u>	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>	<u>1979</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1981</u>	<u>1982</u>	<u>1983</u>
Comm. Memb.	276	313	352	345	414	405	423	476	494	525
Sunday Sch. Enr.	220	209	225	203	225	212	223	255	228	222
Cradle Roll Enr.	47	47	17	29	37	27	40	37	36	37
Total Souls	543	569	594	577	676	644	686	768	758	784
School Enroll.	126	142	174	173	167	166	183	201	217	201
Av. Church Att.	249	285	300	294	307	330	347	385	401	406
Av. Sun. Sch. Att.	119	112	117	114	104	96	100	105	113	102
Av. Mo. Comm. Att.	139	157	169	181	176	207	223	225	243	256
Av. Ind. Comm. Att.	6.0	6.0	5.8	6.3	5.1	6.1	6.3	5.7	5.9	5.9
Av. Bible Cl. Att. (Adult & Teen)	86	93	118	111	109	116	112	101	120	109
VBS Enrollment	213	198	180	175	269	319	383	363	342	353
Baptisms-Children	21	24	13	20	26	36	28	25	24	27
-Adult	4	4	3	3	0	7	6	10	4	4
Confirm.-Youth	14	17	27	16	21	18	13	19	17	15
-Adult	12	23	25	6	13	19	20	26	32	30
Recept. by Prof. of Faith	18	16	13	9	27	17	19	6	15	7
Recept. by Transfer	7	7	7	15	10	12	16	27	14	13
Memb. Losses	27	25	30	52	7	63	42	25	60	34
Marriages	2	3	3	7	8	4	9	6	6	7
Burials	--	1	2	2	4	4	5	4	0	3
Total contributed for work at home (excluding non- member tuition)									\$265,603	\$283,106
Total contributed for work at large Synod Budgetary Synod Special Other outside purposes									36,000	42,000
									3,675	7,905
									2,665	10,449
Total contributed for all purposes									\$307,941	\$343,460

TEN-YEAR PROFILE OF OUR GROWTH

	<u>1983</u>	<u>1984</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>1988</u>
Communicant Members	525	538	555	563	576	589
Sunday Sch. Enrollment	222	216	210	196	195	191
Cradle Roll Enrollment	37	39	44	44	48	48
Total Souls	784	793	809	803	819	828
ALCCC Enrollment						65
School Enrollment	201	181	175	183	196	197
Ave. Church Attendance	406	421	409	433	435	432
Ave. Sunday Sch. Att.	102	107	97	100	92	83
Ave. Mo. Comm. Att.	258	406*	473	512	512	540
Ave. Ind. Comm. Att.	5.9	9.1	10.2	10.9	10.6	11
Ave. Bible Class Att. (Adult & Teen)	109	109	114	117	114	113
VBS Enrollment	353	305	325	303	306	310
Baptisms - Children	27	41	22	42	38	26
- Adult	4	6	2	6	5	6
Confirmed - Youth	15	25	18	23	22	11
- Adult	30	29	19	31	41	20
Rec. by Prof. of Faith	7	13	11	8	2	13
Rec. by Transfer	13	25	11	12	14	14
Membership Losses	34	46	35	51	53	49
Marriages	7	7	10	6	12	15
Burials	3	7	5	4	3	3

*Communion in both Sunday Services twice a month began in April, 1984

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus,

As we cross over from one year to the next, we can't help but look back and reflect upon the past and also, at the same time, look ahead and ponder the future. As we do that, our eyes focus upon a marvelous and gracious God. Steadfastly He has blessed us in the past. Steadfastly He promises to be with us in all circumstances in the future. We praise Him for that.

The last quarter of 1988 provided us with some outstanding opportunities for public praise of the Lord in addition to the usual Sunday services: the Reformation Service, the Advent Song Service, the Children's Christmas Service, the Candlelight services, the Christmas Day Festival Services and the New Year's Eve Communion Service. While each of these services focused attention upon the message of the Word, there were occasions when the singing was so powerful it could be heard by those passing by on the outside of the church. There were times when

THE SERVICE OF DEDICATION

April 30, 1978

4 P.M.

AT THE CHURCH ENTRANCE

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth. By the grace of God and His almighty protection we are permitted this day to dedicate this house of God, which will serve as a dwelling place for His honor, a house of prayer for His people, and a place where He will reveal His gracious presence in Word and Sacrament. We herewith open the doors of this house for the preaching of the saving Gospel in accordance with the confessions of our Church, for the administration of the Sacraments according to the institution of our Lord Jesus Christ, and for offering to the glory of God our psalms and hymns and spiritual songs of praise and prayer and thanksgiving. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

(The builder shall then hand the key to the architect who shall in turn hand it to the pastor. The pastor shall then open the doors of the church.)

THE PROCESSION INTO THE CHURCH

The ministers
The architect and builder
The Senior Choir
The Children's Choir
The Instrumental Ensemble
The congregation, which may be seated upon being ushered into pews

ORDER OF SERVICE

ORGAN PROCESSIONAL

"Trumpet Tune in C Major" - David N. Johnson

ORGAN PRELUDE

"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty" - arr. Beck

OPENING HYMN - "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

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!

Lord, my God, I come before Thee,
Come Thou also unto me;
where we find Thee and adore Thee,
There a heav'n on earth must be.
To my heart, oh, enter Thou,
Let it be Thy temple now!

Here Thy praise is gladly chanted,
Here Thy seed is duly sown;
Let my soul, where it is planted,
Bring forth precious sheaves alone,
So that all I hear may be
Fruitful unto life in me.

Thou my faith increase and quicken,
Let me keep Thy gift divine,
Howsoe'er temptations thicken;
May Thy Word still o'er me shine
As my guiding star through life,
As my comfort in my strife.

Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee,
Let Thy will be done indeed;
May I undisturbed draw near Thee
While Thou dost Thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows,
Here is balm for all our woes.
Amen.

THE INVOCATION

C: (sung) *Amen.*

THE ACT OF DEDICATION

P: Although the Most High does not dwell in temples made with hands, but with His glory fills the heavens and the earth, He has yet been pleased to reveal His gracious presence wherever His holy Word and Sacraments are in use. For thus He spoke through Moses: "Every place where I have you confess My name I will come to you and bless you." And again, through Christ His Son He says: "Where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them."

Since, then, this house has been built for the manifestation of the grace of God in Word and Sacrament, and we are gathered together in His name, let us therefore by a solemn vow dedicate, and by our prayer commend, this church to His glory and use.

To the glory of God our Father, who has created and preserves us;
To the honor of His Son, who loved us and gave Himself for us;
To the praise of the Holy Spirit, who has called us by the Gospel, sanctifies, and keeps us in the faith;

C: *We dedicate this church.*

P: For the worship of God in prayer and praise;
For the preaching of the everlasting Gospel;
For the celebration of the Holy Sacraments;

C: *We dedicate this church.*

P: For the comfort of all who mourn;
For strength to those who are tempted;
For light to those who seek the Way;

C: *We dedicate this church.*

P: For the hallowing of family life;
For the teaching and guiding of the young;
For the equipping of the saints for the work of the ministry;

C: *We dedicate this church.*

P: For the conversion of sinners;
For the promotion of righteousness;
For the extension of the kingdom of God;

C: *We dedicate this church.*

P: For our growth in faith and sanctification;
For our greater service and consecration;
For our blessed immortality through Jesus
Christ our Lord;

C: *We now do this day dedicate our house of
worship with all its furnishings in the
name of the Father, and of the Son, and
of the Holy Ghost; and we also dedicate
ourselves anew to the worship and service
of our Triune God through Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.*

PLAN OF DEDICATION - "Here in Thy Name,
Eternal God"

Here in Thy name, eternal God,
We dedicate this house to Thee.
Oh, choose it for Thy fixed abode
And keep it from all error free!

Here, when Thy people seek Thy face
And dying sinners pray to live,
Hear Thou in heav'n, Thy dwelling place;
And when Thou hearest, Lord, forgive.

Here, when Thy messengers proclaim
The blessed Gospel of Thy Son,
Still by the pow'r of His great name
Be mighty signs and wonders done.

When children's voices raise the song,
"Hosanna to the heavenly King!"
Let heaven with earth the strain prolong.
Hosanna! let the angels sing.

Thy glory never hence depart.
Yet choose not, Lord, this house alone;
Thy kingdom come to every heart,
In every bosom fix Thy throne. Amen.

THE PSALMODY (*sung by choir*)
"Make a Joyful Noise" - Hunnicutt

THE FIRST LESSON - 1 Kings 8:22, 27-30, 54-61

C: (sung) *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 blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love
And still is ours today.*

*Oh, may this bounteous God
Thro' all our 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!*

*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 heav'n adore!
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.*

THE SECOND LESSON - 1 Peter 2:1-10

C: (sung) *The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation
By water and the Word.
From heav'n He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.*

*Elect from ev'ry nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation
One Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
With ev'ry grace endued.*

*Mid toil and tribulation
 And tumult of her war
 She waits the consummation
 Of peace forevermore,
 Will with the vision glorious
 Her longing eyes are blest
 And the great Church victorious
 Shall be the Church at rest.*

THE THIRD LESSON - Luke 24:44-52

School Choir - "Let All the World in Every
 Corner Sing" - Emig

THE APOSTLES' CREED:

*I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker
 of heaven and earth.*

*And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord;
 Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of
 the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended
 into hell; The third day He rose again from
 the dead; He ascended into heaven And sitteth
 on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
 From thence He shall come to judge the quick
 and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Holy Chris-
 tian Church, the communion of saints; The
 forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the
 body; And the life everlasting. Amen.*

CHOIR - "Sing to the Lord a New Song" - Pitoni

HYMN - "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"
 (Accompanied by organ and school
 instrumental ensemble)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King
 of creation!
 O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy Health
 and Salvation!
 Join the full throng;
 Wake, harp and psalter and song;
 Sound forth in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things
 so wondrously reigneth,
 Who, as on wings of an eagle, uplifteth,
 sustaineth,
 Hast thou not seen
 How thy desires all have been
 Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who hath fearfully,
 wondrously, made thee;
 Health hath vouchsafed and, when heedlessly
 falling, hath stayed thee.
 What need or grief
 Ever hath failed of relief?--
 Wings of His mercy did shade thee.

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper
 thy work and defend thee,
 Who from the heavens the streams of
 His mercy doth send thee.
 Ponder anew

What the Almighty can do,
 Who with His love doth befriend thee.
 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in
 me adore Him!

All that hath life and breath, come now
 with praises before Him!
 Let the Amen
 Sound from His people again;
 Gladly for aye we adore Him. Amen.

SERMON - Revelation 3:20

Theme: "THERE'S A VERY SPECIAL GUEST
 KNOCKING AT YOUR DOOR"

HYMN - "Oh, Bless the Lord, My Soul"
 Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!
 Let all within me join
 And aid my tongue to bless His name.
 Whose favors are divine.

Oh, bless the Lord, my soul,
 Nor let His mercies lie
 Forgotten in unthankfulness
 And without praises die!

'Tis He forgives thy sins;
'Tis He relieves thy pain;
'Tis He that heals thy sicknesses
And makes thee young again.

He crowns thy life with love
When ransomed from the grave;
He that redeemed my soul from hell
Hath sov'reign pow'r to save.

He fills the poor with good;
He gives the sufferers rest:
The Lord hath judgments for the proud
And justice for th' opprest.

His wondrous works and ways
He made by Moses known.
But sent the world His truth and grace
By His beloved Son. Amen.

THE OFFERING

*(For our Synod's Church Extension Fund,
through which a part of our new church
was financed)*

ORGAN OFFERTORY - "Praise the Almighty, My Soul,
Adore Him" - arr. Bender

PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN - "Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing"

Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing,
Fill our hearts with joy and peace.
Let us each, Thy love possessing,
Triumph in redeeming grace.

Oh, refresh us,
Oh, refresh us,
Trav'ling thro' this wilderness!

Thanks we give and adoration
For Thy Gospel's joyful sound.
May the fruits of Thy salvation
In our hearts and lives abound;
Ever faithful,
Ever faithful,
To the Truth may we be found!

So where'er the signal's given
Us from earth to call away.
Borne on angels' wings to heaven,
Glad the summons to obey,

May we ever,
May we ever,
Reign with Christ in endless day! Amen.

CHOIR - "Apostolic Benediction" - Backer
SILENT PRAYER

ORGAN POSTLUDE - "Now Thank We All Our God" -
arr. Karg-Elert
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SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

GUEST PREACHER: Pastor Eiton Huebner, Executive
Secretary of the Board of Trustees, Wis-
consin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.

LITURGIST and CHOIR DIRECTOR: Pastor David Val-
leskey of Apostles.

ORGANIST: Mrs. David Valleskey.

SCHOOL CHOIR DIRECTOR: Miss Carolyn Sabrowsky.

INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE DIRECTOR: Mrs. Ray Moore.

BUFFET

All are welcome to remain for a buffet following
the service. We especially invite any guests
worshipping with us on this happy day. Thank you
to the many ladies who have brought food and pre-
pared this meal for us.

NEXT SUNDAY

Worship at the regular time: 8 and 10:30 a.m.
Bible Study Hour for the whole family: 9:15 a.m.

SPECIAL SERVICES THIS WEEK

Ascension Day Service - Thursday, May 4, 7:30 p.m.
"Praise" Service - Sunday, May 7, 7 p.m.

Choir
Organ
Congregational hymns

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We acknowledge, with praise and thanksgiving to the Lord, the following donations of time and effort and money on the part of Apostles' members & friends:

Labor and Materials

Painting of the interior and exterior of new sanctuary, and of the exterior of the former church and the school
 Staining of all exterior woodwork, plus of all the interior cabinets.
 Tiling of the bathroom walls
 Ceramic tile, kitchen counters
 Altar cloths
 Carpeting
 P. A. System
 Sanctuary light fixtures
 Choir loft hardwood floor
 Jesus the Good Shepherd leather-craft painting
 Kitchen sink
 Landscaping (future)
 Library bookshelves (future)
 Garbage disposal
 Exterior crosses
 Blinds in cry room, sound room, multi-purpose room, and offices
 Butcher block table in kitchen (future)
 Baptismal font
 Lectern (future)

Labor
 Miscellaneous carpentry
 Concrete aggregate floor cleaning and sealing
 Clean-ups during course of construction and final clean-up

Materials
 Organ
 Pews
 Furniture for pastor's study and secretary's office
 Kitchen vinyl flooring
 Refrigerator
 Stove

Memorials and Tributes

Building Fund offerings were given in loving memory of:

Bertha Bell	Christ Naumann
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James & Carlon Moyer	Roy Thomas
Deanna Lynn Verhoeest	

and in loving appreciation of:

Sylvester & Eunice Larsen
 Edward & Josephine Retzlöff
 Dr. rev. pol. Gerhard & Margot Röpke

ARCHITECT AND CONTRACTOR

We are grateful to our Lord to have had the services of a Christian architect and Christian contractor, both of whom served well and at a financial sacrifice to help give us our beautifully designed and well-constructed sanctuary at such a reasonable cost. We would not hesitate to recommend either man. They have shown themselves to be men of integrity and of quality workmanship. Also we thank the Lord for the services of our subcontractors, many of whom also came in with very low bids to help us keep within our budget.

ARCHITECT: Stephen M. Clark

GENERAL CONTRACTOR: Marvin L. Olson

A BRIEF HISTORY

OF

APOSTLES LUTHERAN CHURCH

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1963

Summer

Exploratory Vacation Bible School conducted by Pastor Robert Hochmuth in rented quarters on Senter Road, with 50 children in attendance

1968

Summer

Christian Education building purchased and moved onto our property in four sections
Lutheran Girl Pioneers and Youth Group organized

1964

Spring

Present church property purchased - 4 1/2 acres unimproved

1969

Fall

Lutheran Boy Pioneers (Buckaroos) organized

June 7

First church service conducted by Vicar Jon Mahnke at the Almaden Youth Center with 32 in attendance

Summer

Voters' Assembly approves opening of our Christian Day School, two teachers, grades 1 through 8
Residence at 724 El Sereno Drive purchased to serve as principal's home
Principal Mark Sprengeler installed (Lower grade teacher, Mrs. Kenneth Johnson, installed at Peace congregation)

October 25

Place of worship changed to a room in Frontier Village. Services conducted by Pastor Robert Hochmuth and Pastor Robert Waldschmidt

August 23

Christian Day School begins with an enrollment of 49
Vicar Marcus Birckholz begins one year of service through the financial assistance of the Home Mission Board of the WELS

1965

February 28

Pastor David Valleskey installed as the first full-time pastor

September

Self-support service of thanksgiving, District President I. G. Frey, preaching
Officially self-supporting

April 18
August 8

Groundbreaking for the parsonage
Parsonage dedication; Pastor Robert Hochmuth, guest speaker. Parsonage used as church until September 25, 1966

1971

June 13

Self-support service of thanksgiving, District President I. G. Frey, preaching
Officially self-supporting

1966

April 24
June 28

Groundbreaking for our first church
Apostles is accepted as a member of the Arizona-California District of the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod

1972

June
September 10

Summer Vicar Thomas Bartz arrives
Induction of new teachers at special service: Miss Janet Attarian, grades 4 and 5, Miss Sandra Heinze, lower grades, Mrs. Mark Sprengeler, kindergarten

October 9

Congregation formally organized
First Church Council elected

1973

June

Summer Vicar Daniel Hrobsky arrives

1967

January

Apostles Ladies Guild constitution adopted

September

Induction of new teachers: Miss Kathy Delnes, grades 5 and 6; Miss Glory Ann Hillmer, grades 3 and 4; Miss Nancy Schumacher, kindergarten and remedial

Fall

Our choir is organized

June Timothy Gallert inducted as our new 5th and 6th grade teacher

1976
May
September

Summer Vicar Thomas Valleskey arrives
Induction of new teachers: Miss Peggy Bishop, grade 4; Miss Patrina Fries, grades 2 and 3
December 5 Service of thanksgiving. Tenth anniversary of formally organizing as congregation. Also ten years ago we dedicated church

1977
January 15

February 6 Planning meeting for a Lutheran High School in our area. Board elected
February 27 Mr. Merlin Meitner inducted as our new 4th grade teacher
Groundbreaking service for our new sanctuary

June

Architect: Mr. Stephen Clark
Contractor: Mr. Marvin Olson
Pastor Valleskey and family move into their own home, 726 El Sereno Drive, the former parsonage now becoming a teacherage

September 6

Induction of new teachers: Mrs. Marie Mosier, kindergarten and remedial; Miss Carolyn Sabrowsky, grades 2 and 3; Mr. David Johnson, grade 5; Mr. Thomas Schwartz, grade 6

OFFICIAL PASTORAL ACTS SINCE 1965

Children baptisms	287
Adult baptisms	53
Youth confirmations	127
Adult confirmations	181
Marriages	36
Burials	12

HISTORY OF OUR BUILDING PROGRAM

Today's Dedication Service is the culmination of five years of work. In April, 1973, Bill Zeber presented a Future Growth and Capacity Report to the Voters' Assembly. Projected future growth dictated the need to expand our facilities. The suggestion was that we remodel our present chapel to increase seating to 250-300 and build a new fellowship hall.

Following this meeting the congregational president appointed a Building Committee, consisting of Gary Barnes, Roger Damerow, Richard Lyon, and Dennis Johnson. In October, 1973, this committee recommended removing the center wall in our former chapel as a first step toward converting it to a larger sanctuary.

In January, 1974, the Voters' Assembly authorized the distribution of Building Fund envelopes. In April the former Building Committee was changed into a Planning Committee to handle long-range planning. This committee consisted of Gary Barnes, David Hedeen, Darrel Jensen, Norm Larsen, Gene Hamner, Mike McCorckell, Alan Olson, and Bill Zeber.

The Planning Committee (later again named the Building Committee), in July 1974, came to the Voters' Assembly with the recommendation that we construct a new sanctuary and convert our present chapel into a fellowship hall and requested approval to begin interviewing architects. Both recommendations were passed.

Stephen Clark was engaged as our architect in November, 1974. Eight subcommittees of the Building Committee gave the architect input for his master planning. The master plan and preliminary drawings were presented to the congregation and approved in April of 1975. In October, 1975, we began our Promissory Note program of member loans to raise the necessary funds. In November, 1975, Marvin Olson was engaged as general contractor.

We received from the Synod in October, 1976, a "Phase III" Church Extension Fund loan in the amount of \$100,000 (subsequently raised to \$120,000), to be added to the \$157,600 in members' loans we had received.

Groundbreaking for the sanctuary was held on February 27, 1977. Members of the Building Committee during the building planning and construction were Donal Thomas, chairman, Richard Barnes, Norman Larsen, Alan Olson, Thomas Pittman, David Hedeem, Dennis Johnson, Darrel Jensen, Herbert Gockel, Principal Sprengeler, and Pastor Valleskey. Co-ordinator of all the painting was Roger Grossenbacher.

Contract price for the sanctuary of 12,087 sq. feet was \$286,672 (\$23.73/sq. ft.). Approximate total cost, including non-contract items (architect's fee, pews, organ, etc.) is \$350,000.

ALL GLORY BE TO GOD ALONE!

APOSTLES TODAY

CURRENT CONGREGATIONAL STATISTICS

Baptized members	606
Communicant members	362
Christian Day School Enrollment	173
Sunday School Enrollment	209

CHURCH COUNCIL

- President - David Hedeem
- Recording Secretary - Thomas Pittman
- Financial Secretary - Norman Larsen
- Assistant Financial Secretary - Louis Hellested
- Treasurer - Darrel Jensen
- Board Chairmen:
 - Elders - Gene Hammerson
 - Trustees - Charles Barnhart
 - Christian Education - Raymond Moore
 - Stewardship Elder - Cecil Lincoln
 - Evangelism Elder - Alan Olson

COMMITTEE HEADS

- Co-ordinator of Women's Work - Sharelle Lincoln
- Altar - Carla Henderson
- Coffee Hour - Jean McArthur
- Flower - Linda West
- Guest Book - Edythe Martens
- Nursery - Marie Mosier
- Prayer Requests - Elenore Grossenbacher
- Kitchen Care - Audrey Jenkins
- Visiting - Sandra Johnson
- Willing Hands - Jan Zeber

ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERS

- Boy Pioneers - Merlin Meitner
- Boy Buckaroos - Norman Larsen
- Girl Pioneers - Linda Barnhart
- Youth Group Counselor - Thomas Schwartz
- Youth Group President - Terisa Rhoades

OUR PRESENT STAFF

Pastor - David Valleskey
 Principal - Mark Sprengeler
 Teachers - Thomas Schwartz
 David Johnson
 Merlin Meitner
 Carolyn Sabrowsky
 Nancy Schumacher
 Marie Mosier

Sunday School Teachers - David Johnson
 William Zeber
 Walter Worth
 Peter Wagley
 Jan Zeber
 Yvonne Jadwin
 Audrey Jenkins
 Mary Higgins
 Ronda Lincoln

Organists - Nancy Madsen
 Janice Valleskey

Secretaries - Jeanne Nixon
 Janice Valleskey

Custodial Care - Sheri Higgins

THE FUTURE

Only God knows what lies ahead for Apostles. His blessings have been many in the years gone by. We have experienced much God-given growth, both in numbers and in spiritual maturing on the part of our members. We can be assured of continued blessings as we remain steadfast--proclaiming nothing else than Christ, crucified and risen, and now living and ruling. Where the message is, there also is the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life. May He continue to build up the body of Christ in our midst through the preaching of the Word and the administration of the Sacraments "until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining the full measure of perfection found in Christ" (Ephesians 4:13).