



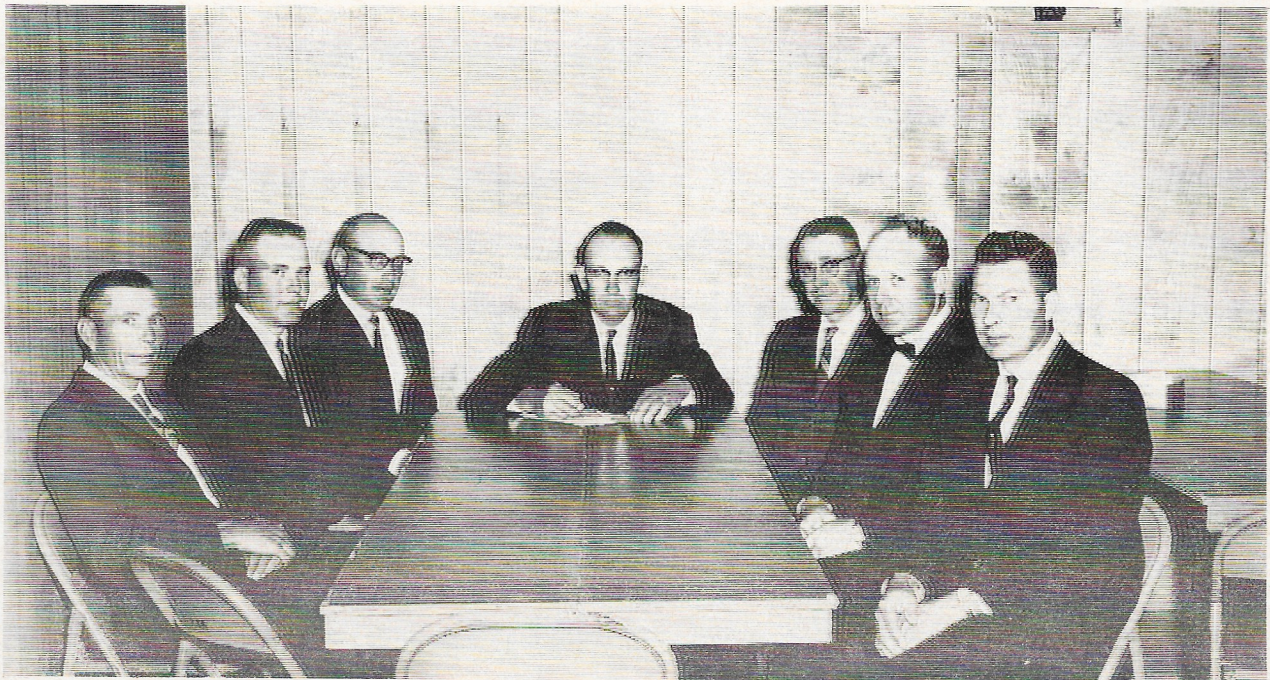
75th ANNIVERSARY

1891 - 1966

Hope Lutheran Church

Burr, Nebraska

Pastor and Mrs. Kling



CHURCH COUNCIL

Ken Beckman, Rich Lubben, Jim Eisenhauer, Elmer Meyer, Allan Spanjer, Duane Wellman, Arlin Auer.

ANNIVERSARY SERVICES

Sunday, June 19, 1966

MORNING WORSHIP 10:00 a.m.

Organ Prelude ----- Mrs. Adolph Juilfs
Hymn 173 All Creatures of our God and King

THE SERVICE, FIRST SETTING Service Book and Hymnal Pages 15-28

Invocation ----- Rev. H. Meyer, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Des Moines, Iowa

THE CONFESSION OF SINS

INTROIT Page 95

Gloria Patri

KYRIE

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

THE COLLECT Page 95

Anthem—Senior Choir. Director: Mrs. Dwight Weiss

READING OF THE LESSON—Rev. G. Gieseke, Grace Lutheran Church, Menno, South Dakota

Old Testament Lesson Proverbs 9:1-10

Epistle I John 3:13-18

Gospel Luke 14:15-24

APOSTLES CREED

Announcements

Hymn 149 The Church's One Foundation

SERMON—Dr. E. Fritschel, President of the Central District, The American Lutheran Church

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

THE OFFERTORY: "Create in Me a Clean Heart."

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH Page 6

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE BENEDICTION

The Doxology

Organ Postlude ----- Mrs. Adolph Juilfs

LUNCHEON 12:00 NOON

AFTERNOON SERVICE 2:00 p.m.

Organ Prelude ----- Mrs. Adolph Juilfs

Hymn 408 Praise to the Lord

INVOCATION ----- Rev. J. Eisenhauer, First Lutheran Church, Hobart, Oklahoma

Responsive reading of Psalm

THE LESSONS: ----- Rev. Harlan Stutheit, Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Hildreth, Nebraska

Lesson I

Lesson II

Lesson III

Anthem — Special numbers

SERMON — Rev. J. Streng, Pastor of St. James Lutheran Church, Wheeling, West Virginia

Anthem — Senior Choir. Director: Mrs. Dwight Weiss

Offering

Announcements

Prayer and Benediction

Doxology

Organ Postlude ----- Mrs. Adolph Juilfs

CONFIRMATION REUNION 6:30 p.m.

Banquet by Hope Lutheran Congregation

Special Music

Master of Ceremonies ----- Rev. Richard L. Kling

SPEAKER — Rev. R. F. Hanselmann, Pastor of Ruskin Heights Lutheran Church, Kansas City, Missouri

ROLL CALL

ADJOURNMENT

History of Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church

1891 — 1966

The beginning of Hope Lutheran Church takes us back to the pioneer days when the town of Burr was dotted with but a handful of small houses. Looking over the harvest fields of wheat, oats, and corn, it is hard for the present generation to conceive that 75 years ago, things looked much different. The new settlers finding themselves in the primeval days surely needed spiritual ministrations to preserve their faith in a new land.

This congregation dates back to the founder, the Rev. Heist of Syracuse, President of this District at this time. After serving from Syracuse for some time, a number of Lutheran families living northwest and southwest of Unadilla, he finally organized these two places into two congregations, the later adopting the name Evangelical Lutheran Hope Congregation of South Russell, Otoe County, Nebraska. As charter members who signed the constitution, the following names are listed: Friedrich Maas, John Maller, Albert Neemann, Bernhard Hinrichs, Herman Gloystein, Christ Blum, Ludwig Hagel, Jacob Bader, and Heinrich Eisenhauer. In the fall of 1888, Rev. Muensinger was called to this congregation, serving also Unadilla and Elmwood in Cass County. Due to ill health he was able to serve them about a year. As his successor, the late Rev. Wm. Beckmann was called. In March, 1889, he was asked by some Lutheran families to hold services at Burr. April 12, 1889, dates the first service here. He was compelled to deliver his first sermons in private homes, a school house and a store building until the completion of a church edifice. At a congregational meeting in July, the following were taken up as members: Henry and Christian Holscher, Herman and Christ Benter and Ed Goerke. At a later meeting Herman Schmalz and Heinrich Hostick joined as members and the wish was expressed to build a church as soon as possible. A committee was then elected consisting of Friedrich Maas, Christian Holscher and Herman Benter to find a suitable location and present to the congregation the cost and plans of building. Mr. Winfield Holden donated the land on which the new church was erected and the adjoining lot for a sum of \$15.00. Because a great many Germans, living near Burr, also subscribed towards the new church it was deemed advisable to build a church large enough to meet future requirements. Accordingly, a church 28 by 40 by 14 feet was erected. Mr. Heinrich Wiebke built the church for the sum of \$1400. Corner stone laying took place on September 13, 1891. The following members acted as Deacons and Trustees respectively: Albert Neemann and John Maller, deacons; Fritz Maas, Christ Holscher and Herman Benter, trustees.

March 30, 1921, the Ladies Aid was organized. It had its beginning at the home of Mrs. John Blank. The first officers elected were Mrs. Carrie Moss, president; Miss Tillie Genzlinger, vice president; Mrs. Anna Juilfs, secretary; and Mrs. Anna Panko, treasurer. Meetings were held once a month at the homes. Later a Women's Missionary Society was organized. In 1961 the present ALCW was organized. During all these years the Women of the Church have contributed toward benevolences and have given many hours of their time and talents for their church.

In spite of poor conditions during Pastor Beckmann's administration, the members gave freely towards upbuilding of the Kingdom. At one time the congregation remodeled the parsonage at a cost of \$1,300 and offerings for benevolent purposes had increased from \$7.75 to \$450 per year. Rev. Beckmann served this congregation faithfully for 40 years. In the year of 1930 the Lord took him to Himself. A great tribute was paid to his life of faith and service by those in charge. More than 1,000 persons paid reverence to his life as a minister.

From 1930 to 1966 Hope Lutheran was served by the following pastors:

1930 to 1935 Rev. John Streng. A new parsonage was built and the Luther League was organized.

1935 to 1938 Rev. Carl Bergstraesser. He was forced to move to Colorado because of ill health. His Lord called him home to rest July 5, 1942.

HISTORY (Continued)

1938 to 1950 Rev. C. Kumpf. The church steeple and cross were painted and repaired, the pulpit moved to a better position, the church was raised and a full basement with an oil furnace installed. An electric Hammond Organ was purchased. A donation of new church pews was by Mr. and Mrs. Herman Panko. The Fiftieth Anniversary of the Church was celebrated November 9, 1941.

1950 to 1954 Rev. R. Hanselmann. Corner stone of the new church was laid October 7, 1951. The new church was dedicated May 4, 1952. It is a brick structure 110 by 32 feet built at a cost of approximately \$70,000. The original bell was placed in the new bell tower. Much work was done by the congregation in the building of the new church. The Finance Committee Albert Panko, D. W. Lubben and Broer Rademacher ably conducted the financial drive. The Building Committee Albert Eisenhauer chosen as Supervisor of Construction, Arnold Watermeier, John Meyer, Sr., Elmer Meyer, August Pieper, Fred Eisenhauer, Irving Schulte, Walter Thormahlen, and Arnold Beckman met many times and did much planning so that this House of God could become a reality. Members of the Church Council at that time spent many hours toward the erection of the church. They were John Meyer Jr. Chairman, Norman Beckman, Hye Parde, Elmer Watermeier, Albert Eisenhauer, Julius Moss and Emil Eisenhauer. May 4, 1952 indeed was a wonderful, never to be forgotten day for Hope Lutheran.

1954 to 1956 Rev. G. Gieseke. He took a leave of absence from the ministry and returned in 1964 to serve a parish in Meno, South Dakota.

1956 to 1960 Rev. H. Meyer. The Central District Brotherhood Convention was held in Burr.

1960 to 1964 Rev. Fred Hermanns. New Hymnals were purchased. The new T.A.L.C. was formed. Mortgage Burning Ceremony was September 24, 1961.

1964 Rev. Richard Kling came to us young and full of enthusiasm. In his two years with us he has shown capable leadership not only in his church but in the church at large. The church was carpeted with memorial gifts and the basement decorated. The office was moved to the cry room and the parsonage basement remodeled to accomodate needed Sunday School space. Other improvements were insulation and storm windows in the parsonage and in May of 1966 the congregation voted to central air condition the parsonage.

We at Hope Lutheran are very proud of the three sons of the congregation: Pastor John Beckman (deceased), Pastor Joy Eisenhauer of Hobart, Oklahoma, and Pastor Harlan Stutheit of Hildreth, Nebraska. A fourth pastor will be added in 1968 when Nelson Meyer will become ordained.

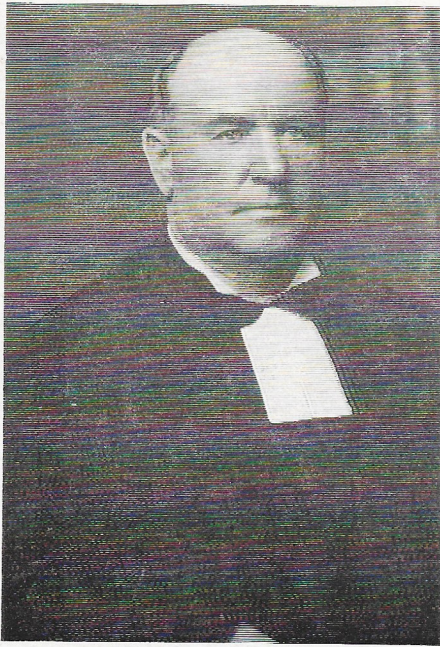
Having reached this our 75th Anniversary, we must pause and pay tribute to the faith of the Pastors and our forefathers, who trusting in God, organized Hope Lutheran congregation. We owe much to our departed brethren, especially the charter members. May this day be a day of dedication of themselves and ourselves. We publish this book as a monument of gratitude to His name and we humbly pray that He will continue to bless our church as He has in the past.

MINISTERIAL ACTS PERFORMED DURING 75 YEARS OF OUR CHURCH

Baptized	771
Confirmed	565
Marriages	165
Burials	235

PRESENT MEMBERSHIP

Baptized	335
Confirmed	243
Sunday School Enrollment	96



Rev. William Beckmann
1890 - 1930
Died 1930

Tribute to Rev. William Beckmann

Rev. Wm. Beckmann was the founder of the Hope Lutheran Church at Burr. He was ordained in December, 1880. His first pastorate was at the St. James Lutheran Church at the Longbranch near Humboldt, Nebraska. This congregation had been organized in 1873 by his missionary father, the Rev. Frederick Wm. Beckmann, who also established other numerous churches in Nebraska, Iowa, and the Dakotas.

After being at Longbranch, Rev. Wm. Beckmann did missionary work near Unadilla. Besides preaching there, he also served Elmwood, Hopewell and Burr. He was searching for a location for another church. This location was determined to be best at Burr.

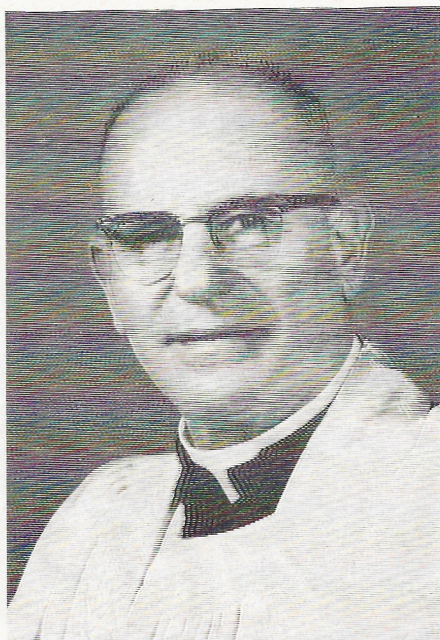
Rev. Wm. Beckmann was one of the first German Lutheran pastors to see the need for the use of English in the services and was the first in Southeast Nebraska to begin work in the English language both in Bible School and the worship services.

He was a leader and father of the congregation. He was ever mindful of the less fortunate in his flock, demanding little for himself but giving much to those in need. He left behind a record worthy of honor. He baptized 495, confirmed approximately 300, officiated at 98 weddings and 130 funerals.

At his side for forty years was his devoted wife, Matilda Beckmann, who fulfilled with cheerfulness the duties of a pioneer pastor's helpmate amid great hardships.

Rev. Beckmann was known among his contemporary fellow pastors as a "Man of Great Faith." His was truly a life of integrity, service and faith.

The Lord took Rev. Beckmann to Himself in February, 1930. A great tribute was paid to his life of service by those in charge. More than 1,000 persons paid reverence to his life of faith.



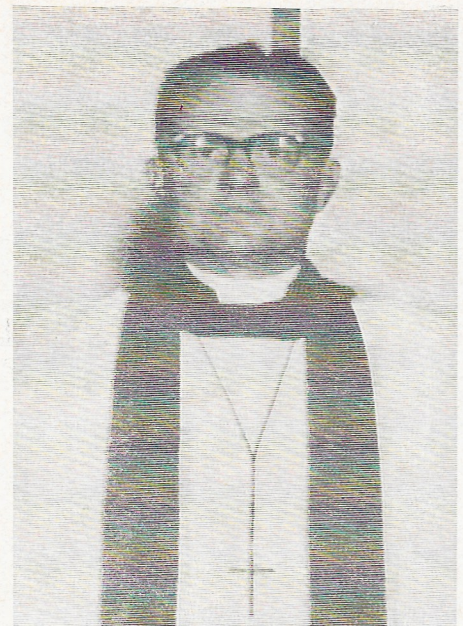
Rev. John F. Streng
Pastor
1930 - 1935
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Rev. C. Bergstraesser
Pastor
1935 - 1938
Died 1942
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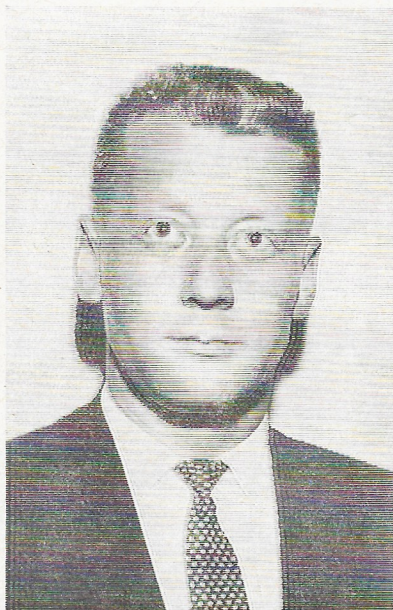




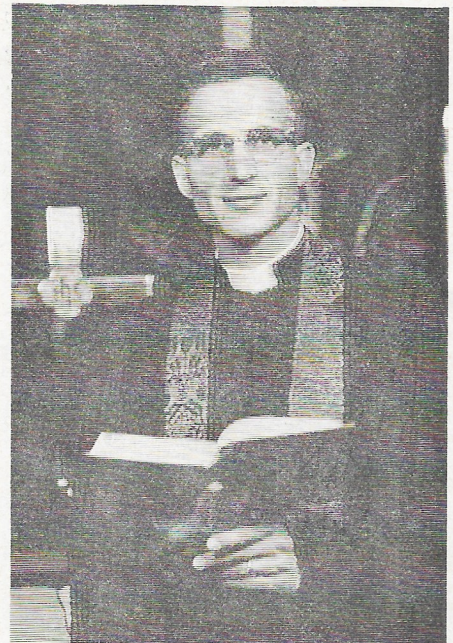
Rev. C. J. Kumpf
Pastor
1938 - 1950
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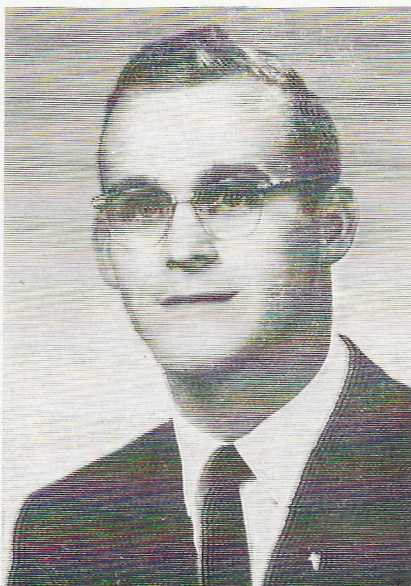
Rev. Roland F. Hannselmann
Pastor
1950 - 1954
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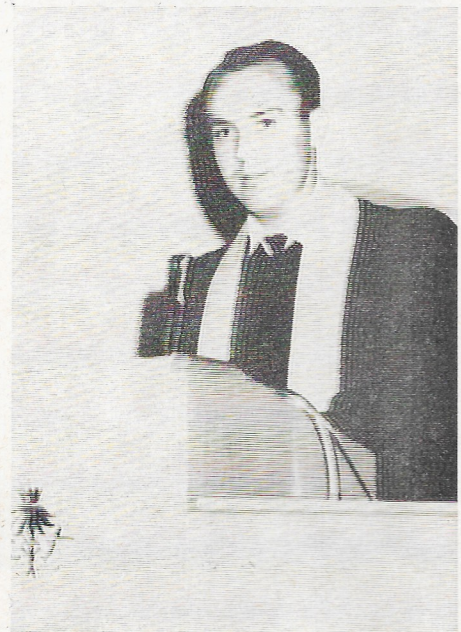
Rev. Gerald D. Gieseke
Pastor
1954 - 1956
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Rev. Harold J. Meyer
Pastor
1956 - 1960
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Rev. Fred E. Hermanns
Pastor
1960 - 1964
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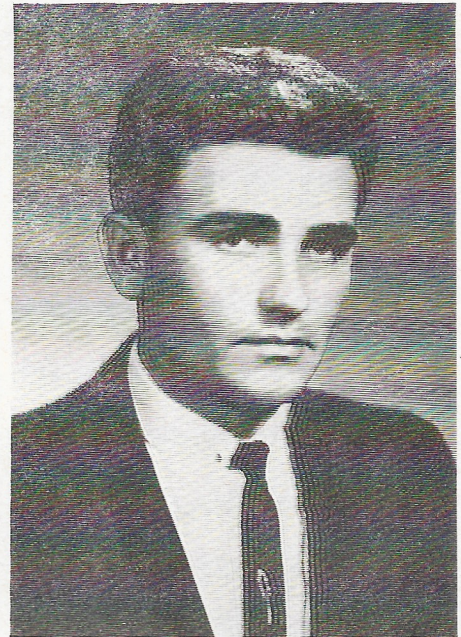


Rev. Richard L. Kling
Present Pastor
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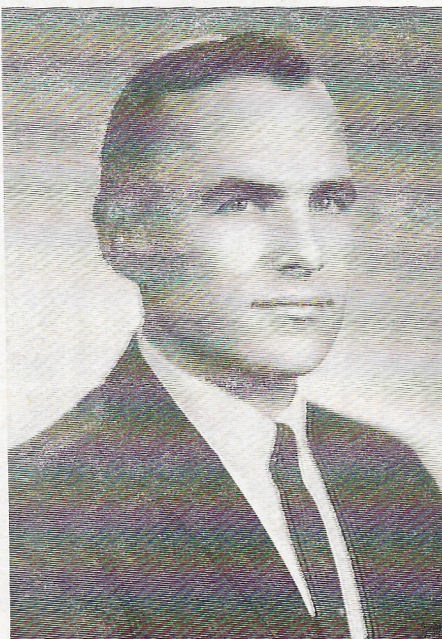
SONS of HOPE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN



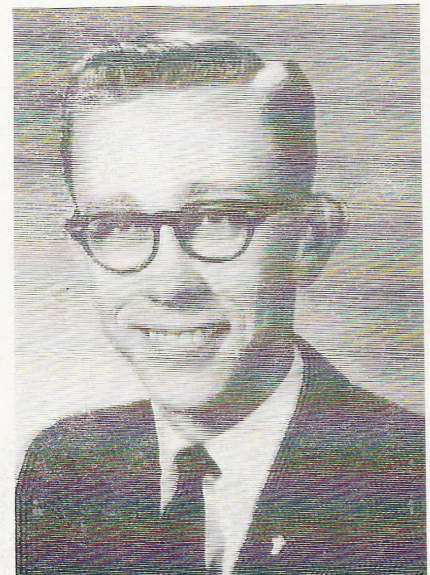
Rev. John Beckman
Ordained 1924
Died 1952
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Rev. Joy Eisenhower
Ordained 1963
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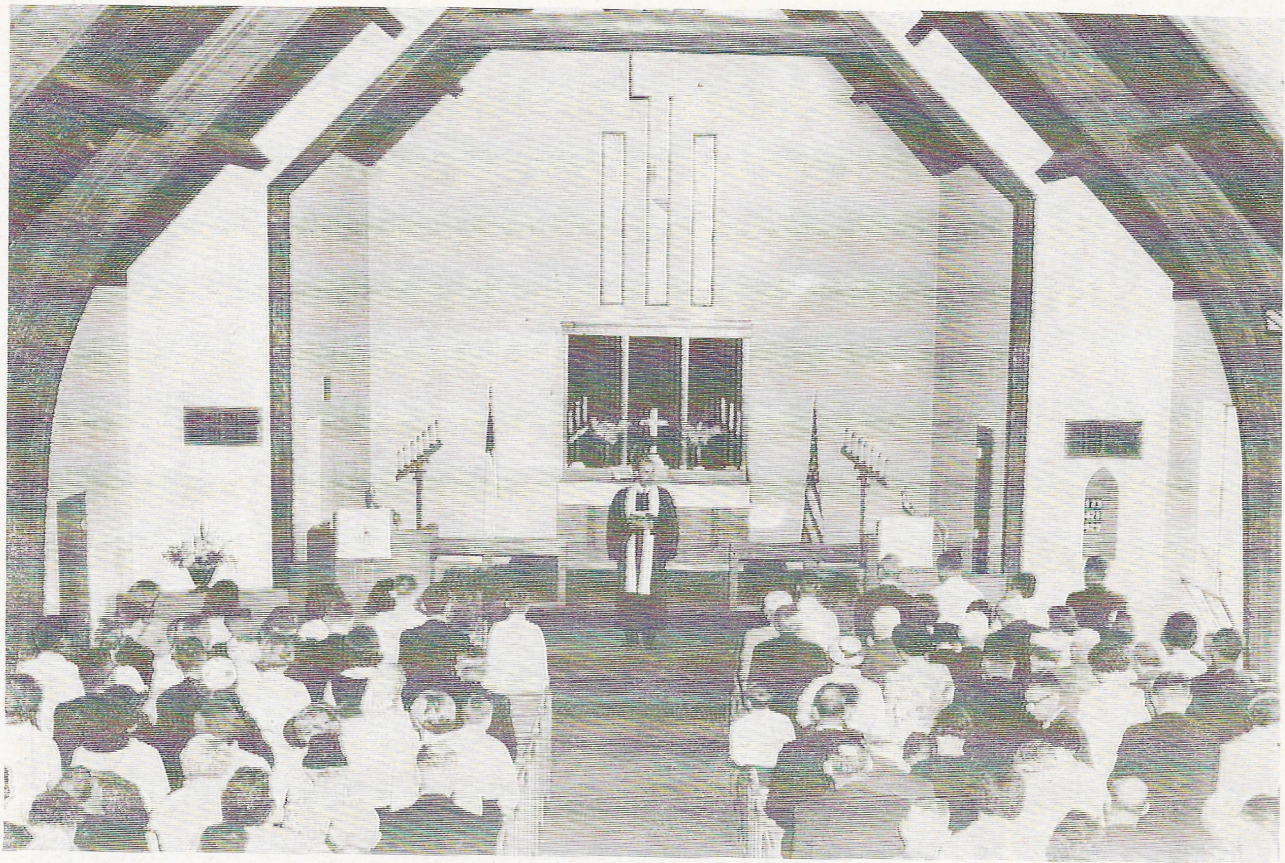


Rev. Harlan Stutheit
Ordained 1965
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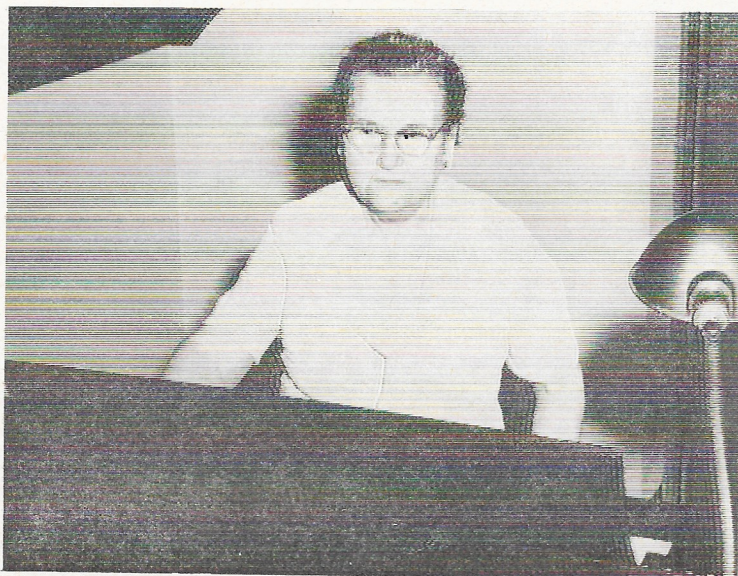


Mr. Nelson Meyer
To be Ordained
(1968)
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“This is the day which the Lord hath made”

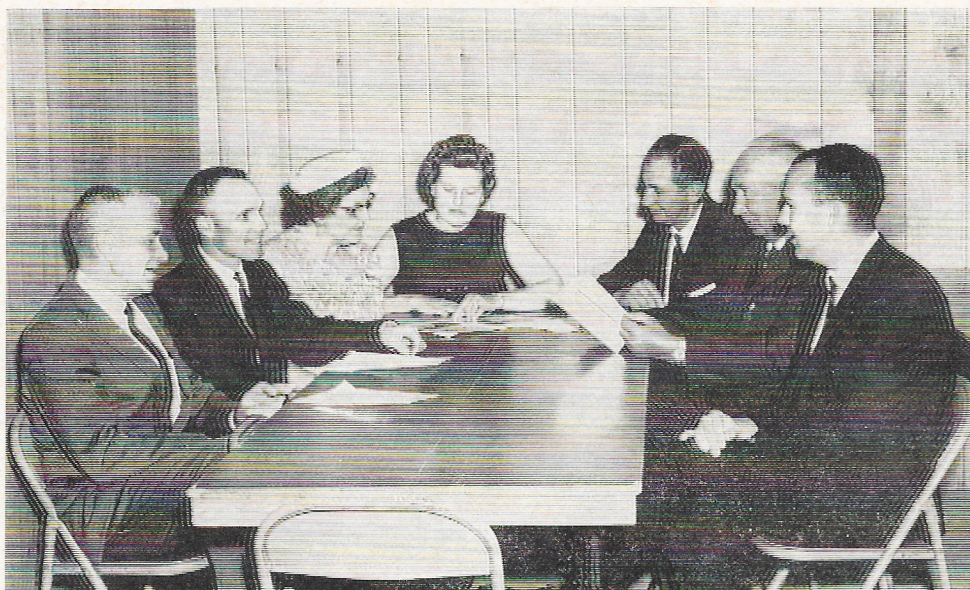


Pictured below is Mrs. Adolph Juilfs who has faithfully served as organist for 58 years.



At right is Mr. Albert Engel who has served 31 years as custodian.





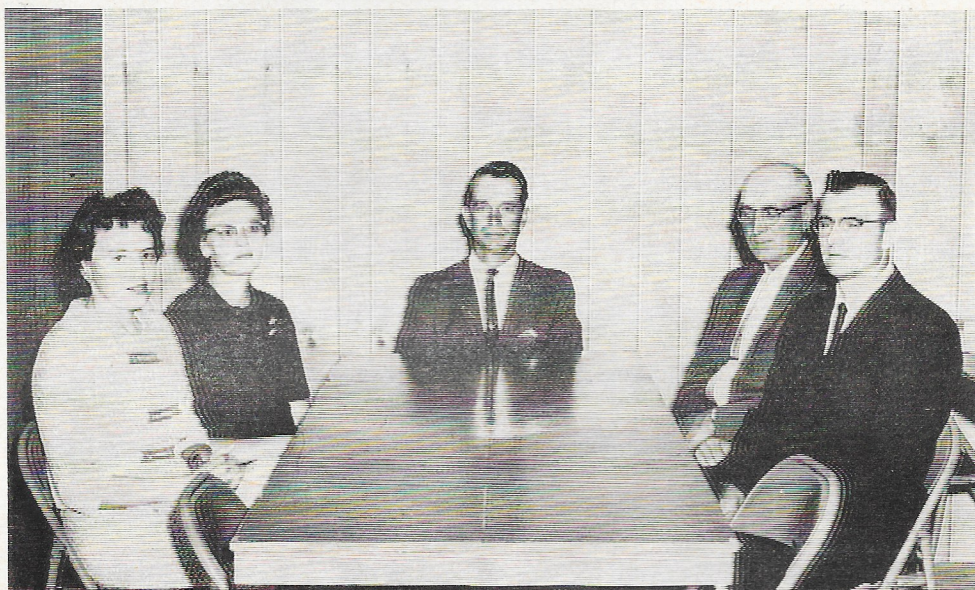
Serving the Lord

ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

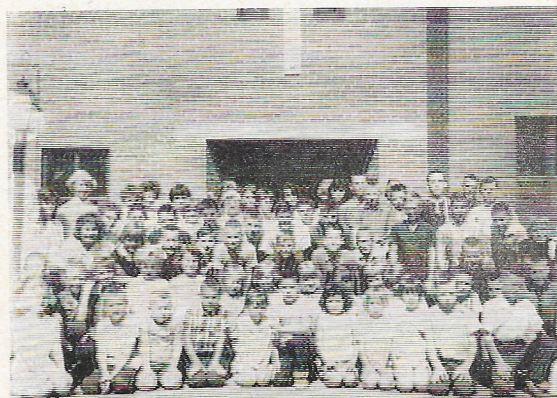
Elmer Watermeier
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Minnie Moss
Naomi Meyer,
Chairman
Irving Schulte
Albert Eisenhower
Pastor Kling

PARISH BOARD OF EDUCATION

Lois Wellman
Maxine Steinkuhler
Dale Watermeier,
Chairman
Louis Parde,
Superintendent
Merlin Pieper



Daily Vacation Bible School



STAFF—1st row, Betty Bader, Alberta Block, Linda Schulte, Irene Juilfs, Dona Mae Watermeier. Back row, Millie Harms, Linda Reinsche, Elda Stutheit, Anita Austin, Kate Kling. Not pictured, Pastor Kling, Alice Weiss, Lois Wellman, Naomi Meyer, Anna Panko.

SERVING THE LORD WITH SONG



JUNIOR CHOIR

Mike Weiss
Lyle Carmen
Randy Stutheit
Mark Austin
Kathy Eisenhauer

Carolyn Klein
Carol Steinkuhler
Dennis Parde
Randy Auer
Eldon Wellman
Diane Weiss

Carol Speth
Janice Klein
Mark Stutheit
Debra Reinsche
Steve Weiss
Tim Harms

SENIOR CHOIR

Ernest Eisenhauer
Norman Beckman
Larry Edgar
Fran Panko
Alice Weiss, Director
Millie Harms
Anita Austin
Lola Eden

Emil Eisenhauer
Irving Schulte
Laura Schulte
Lois Wellman
Naomi Beckman
Naomi Meyer

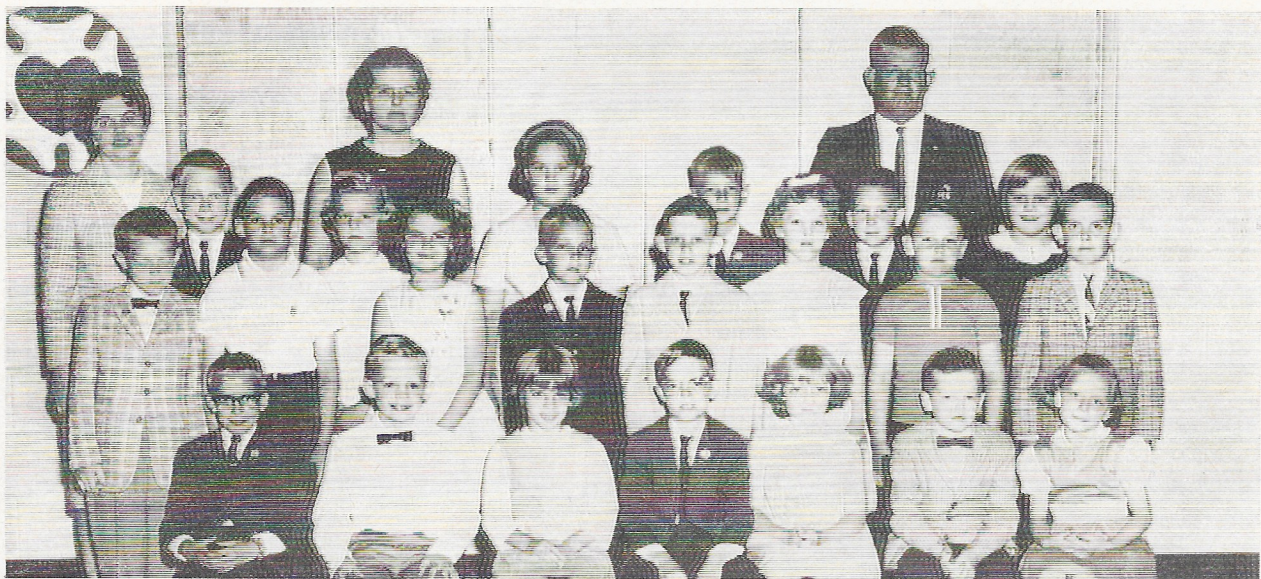


“Growing in the Knowledge of the Lord”



NURSERY and KINDERGARTEN CLASSES

1st row, Leslie Neeman, Julie Eden, June, Rosiland and Russell Focken; 2nd row, Julie Panko, Ruth Klein, Ricky Block, Tammy Auer, Christy Whitehead, Marcia Austin; 3rd row, Ray and Dean Steinkuhler, Craig Straube, Lisa Stutheit, Melissa Juilfs. Teachers, Bernice Speth, Grace Parde, Elda Stutheit, Anita Austin, Irene Juilfs, Edna Eisenhower.



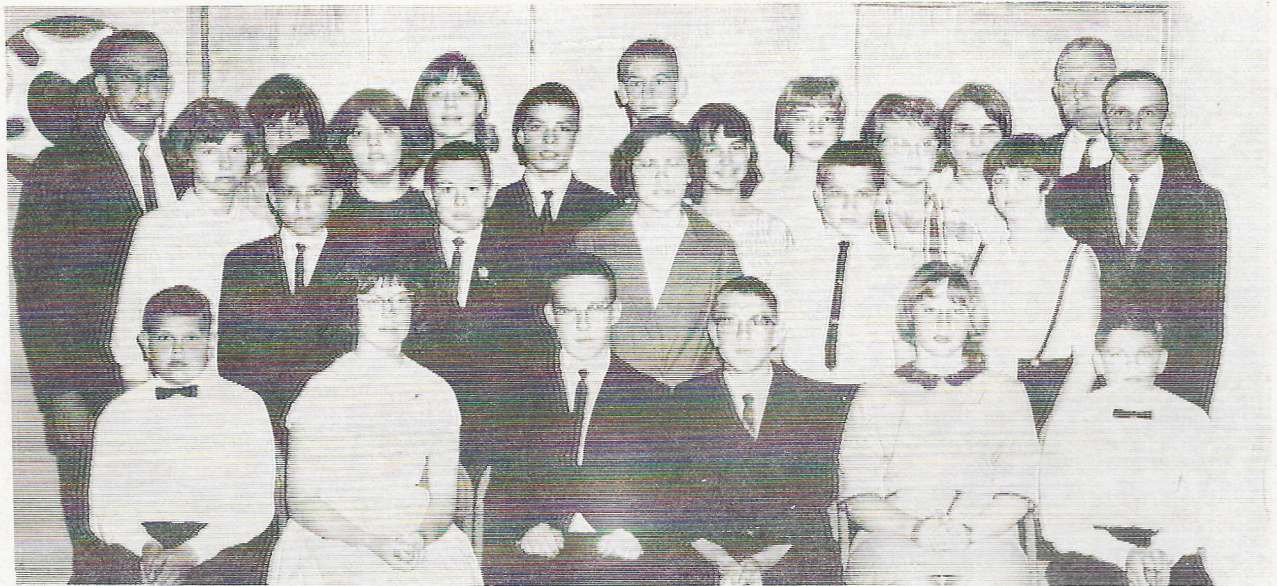
PRIMARY CLASSES

1st row, Randy Juilfs, Darrell Wellman, Terry Auer, Ricky Juilfs, Kris Weiss, Jimmy Straube, Joyce Focken; 2nd row, Lec Straube, Ken Steinkuhler, Tanya Harms, Mark Panko, Dale Klein, Cathy Steinkuhler, Ronnie Walters, Mike Weiss; 3rd row, Rodney Whitehead, Barbara Meyer, Ruth and Paul Straube, Mark Austin, Clara Juilfs. Teachers, Dona Mae Watermeier, Naomi Meyer, August Pieper. Linda Schulte not pictured.



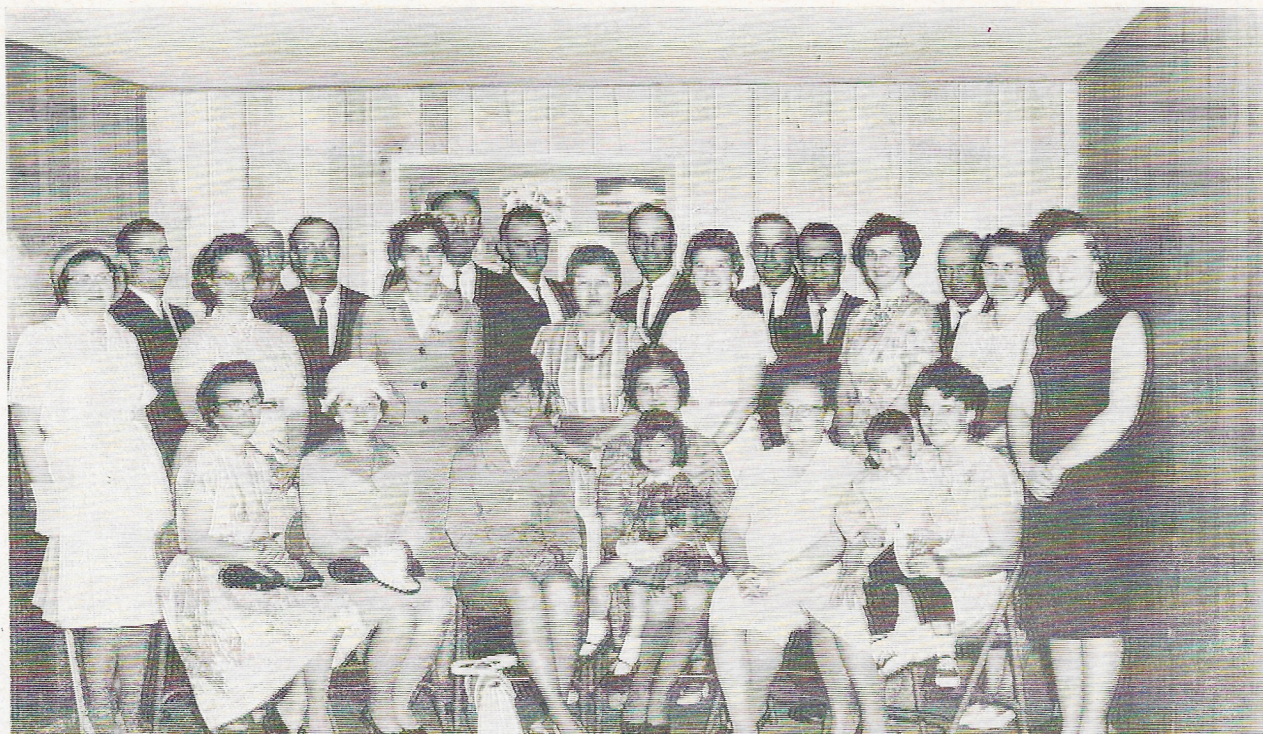
JUNIOR CLASS

1st row, Lyle Carmen, Kathy Eisenhower, Doris Straube, Kerry Watermeier, Randy Stutheit; 2nd row, David Juilfs, Dianne Weiss, Eldon Wellman, Carol Steinkuhler, Karen Juilfs, Randy Auer; 3rd row, Joyce Straube, Carolyn Klein, Connie Walters, Bonnie Buchanan, Steve Weiss, Timmy Harms, Dennis Parde. Teachers, Edith Wellman, Steve Watermeier, Frieda Stutheit, Agnes Klein, Ruth Juilfs.



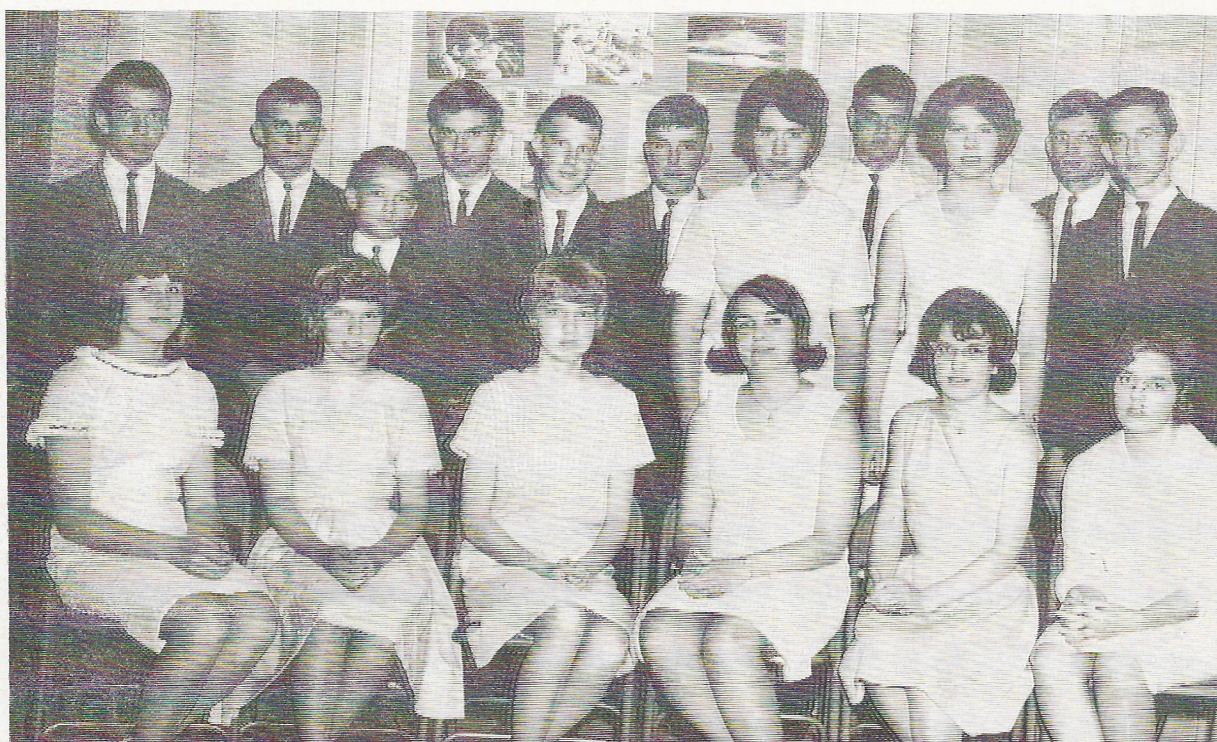
SENIOR CLASS

1st row, Jim Wellman, Debra Reinsche, Mark Stutheit, Mike Carmen, Janice Klein, Gary Wellman; 2nd row, Robert Focken, Lyle Straube, Carol Speth, Sam Focken; 3rd row, Sharon Kramer, Kathy Juilfs, Keith Juilfs, Debbie Straube, Carol Juilfs, Kristy Watermeire; 4th row, Nancy Walters, Dianne Stutheit, Randall Moss, Donna Parde, Naomi Beckman. Teachers, Pastor Kling, Vernon Reinsche, Delton Panko.



ADULT CLASS

1st row, Alice Weiss, Irene Eisenhauer. Teachers, Mrs. Kling, Dorothy Eden, Mary Juilfs, Darlene Carmen. 2nd row, Ann Stutheit, Irene Juilfs, Elda Stutheit, Laura Schulte, Millie Harms, Mr. and Mrs. Hye Austin, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Eisenhauer, Naomi Meyer. Back row, Duane Carmen, John Juilfs, Burnell Juilfs, Reinhold Stutheit, Irving Schulte, Ed Harms, Emil Eisenhauer. Anna Straube not pictured.



LUTHER LEAGUE

1st row, Dianne Stutheit, Sharon Kramer, Dona Parde, Naomi Beckman, Betty Bader, Kathy Juilfs. 2nd row, Robert Focken, Carol Walters, Linda Reinsche, Larry Edgar. Back row, John Focken, Dean Eisenhauer, Dwight Eisenhauer, Mike and Gary Carmen, Richard Wellman, Clarence Parde.



THE AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

President—Ann Ellig

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Secretary—Judy Lubben

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Secretary of Stewardship—Velma Bader



THE AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH MEN

President—Reinhold Stutheit

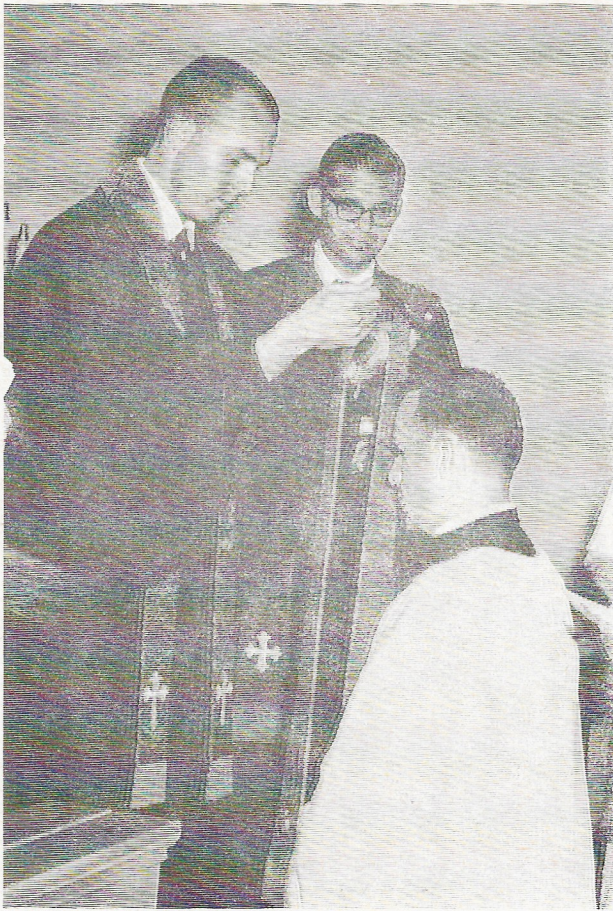
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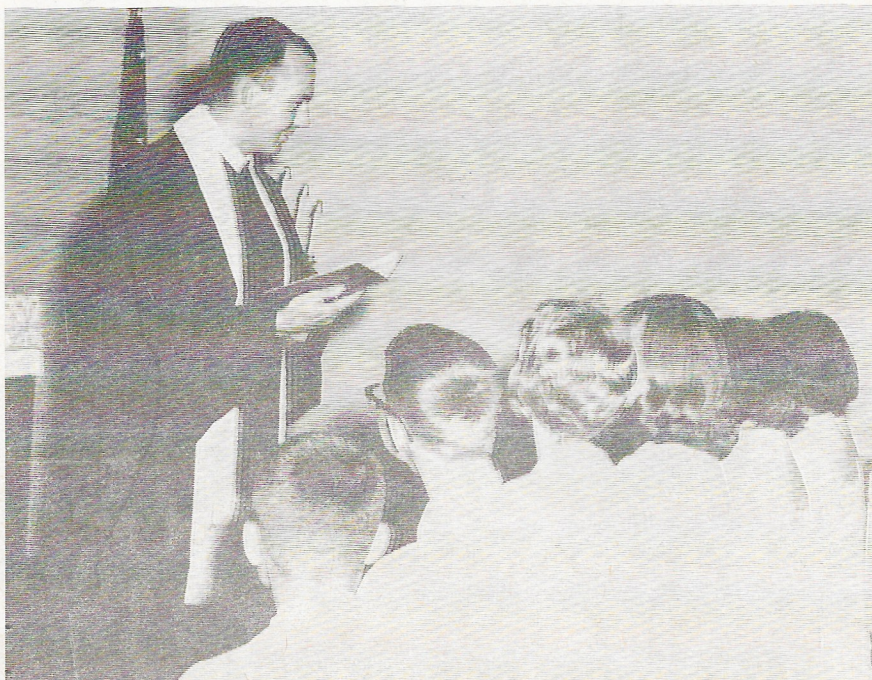
At the Table of the Lord



"Take the Yoke of Christ
Upon You"



"I Pronounce You
Man and Wife"

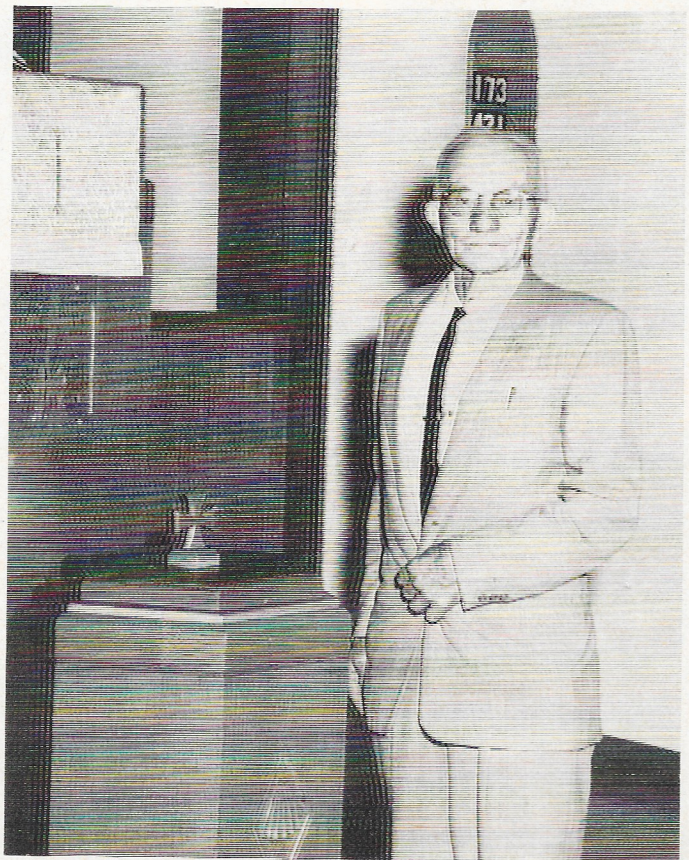


"Do You Believe"



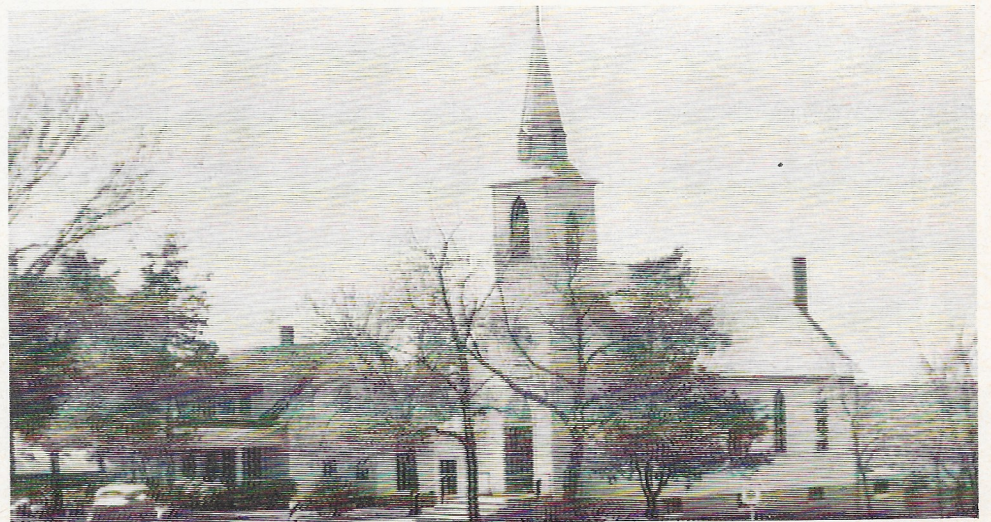
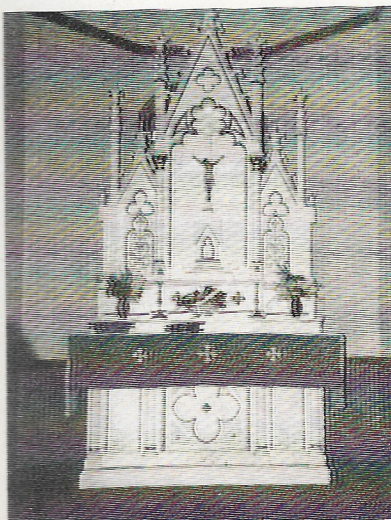
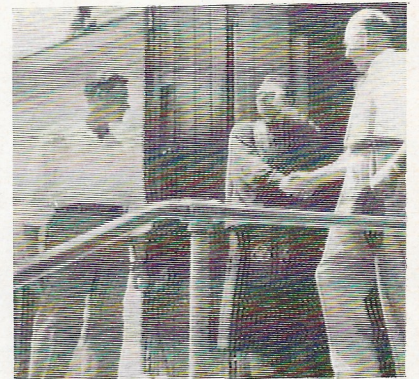
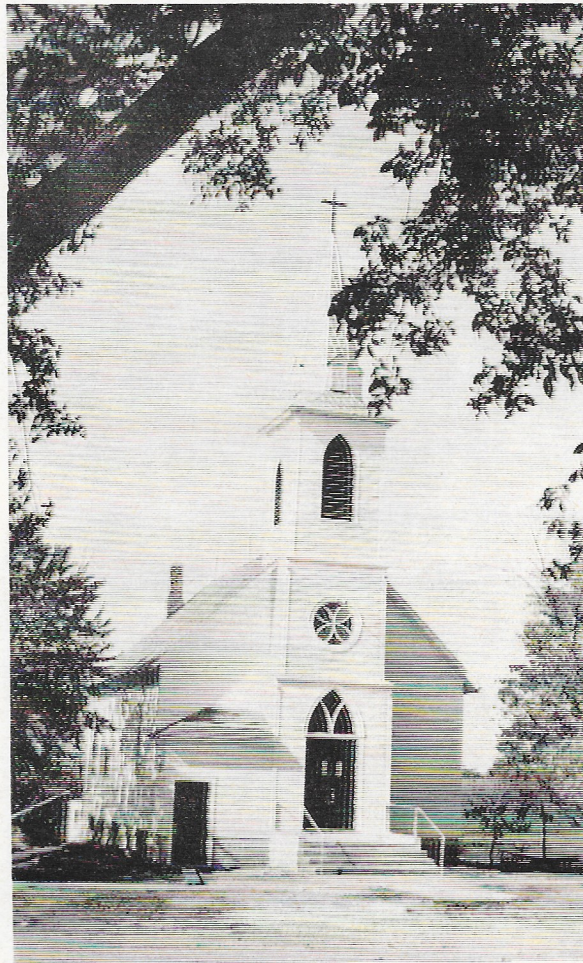
MEMBERS OVER 80 YEARS OF AGE

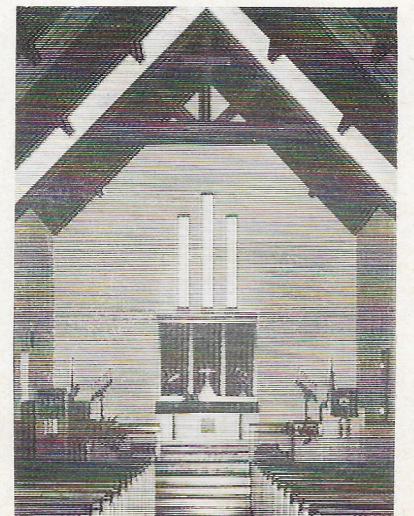
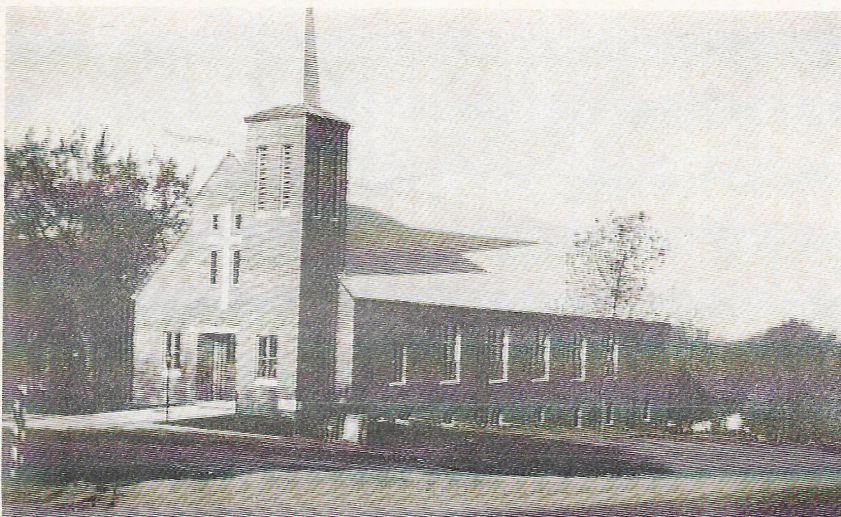
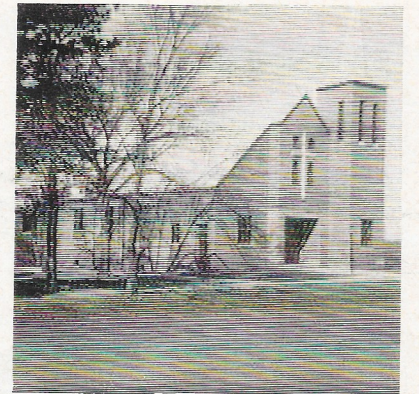
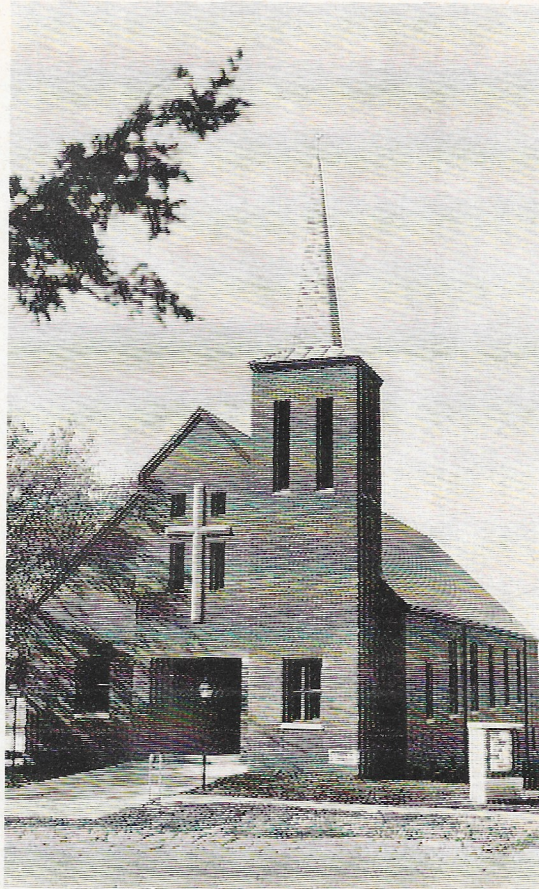
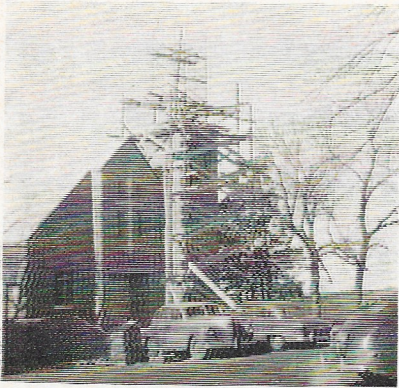
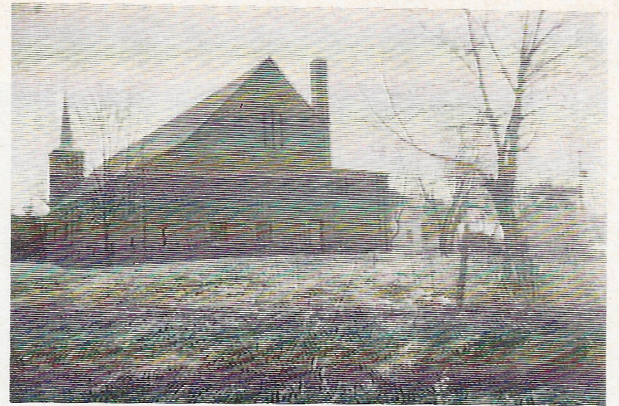
Mrs. Anna C. Panko
 Mrs. Elsabe Spanjer
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 Mr. Jake Genzlinger
 Mr. and Mrs. William Schulte
 Mr. and Mrs. William Beckman
 Mrs. Rena Bader (not shown)



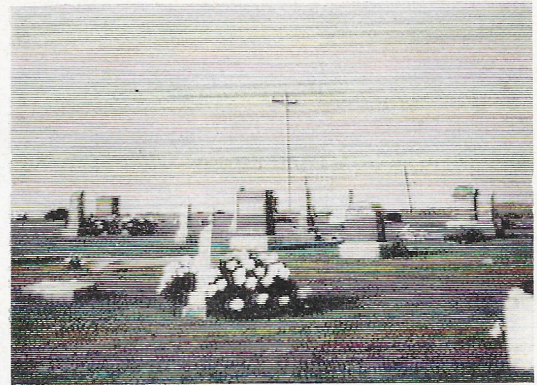
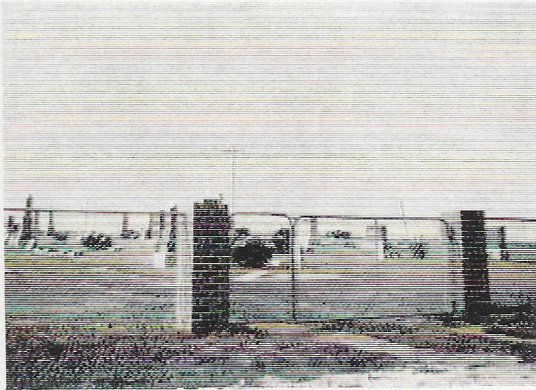
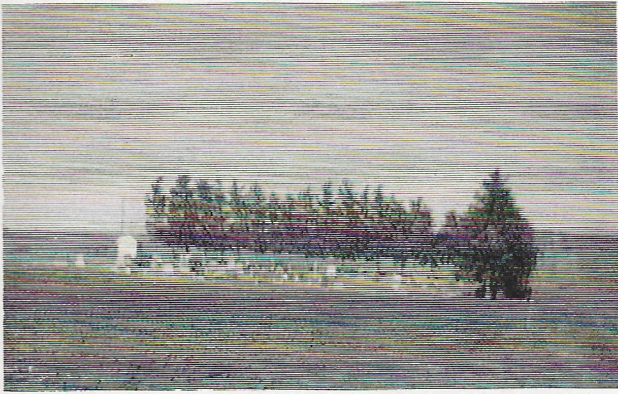
OLDEST LIVING CONFIRMAND

Mr. Louis Horstmann
 Class of 1894





Hope Lutheran Cemetery



CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Elmer Meyer, Chairman
Fred Rundt
William Eden



Fred Rundt,
Custodian

