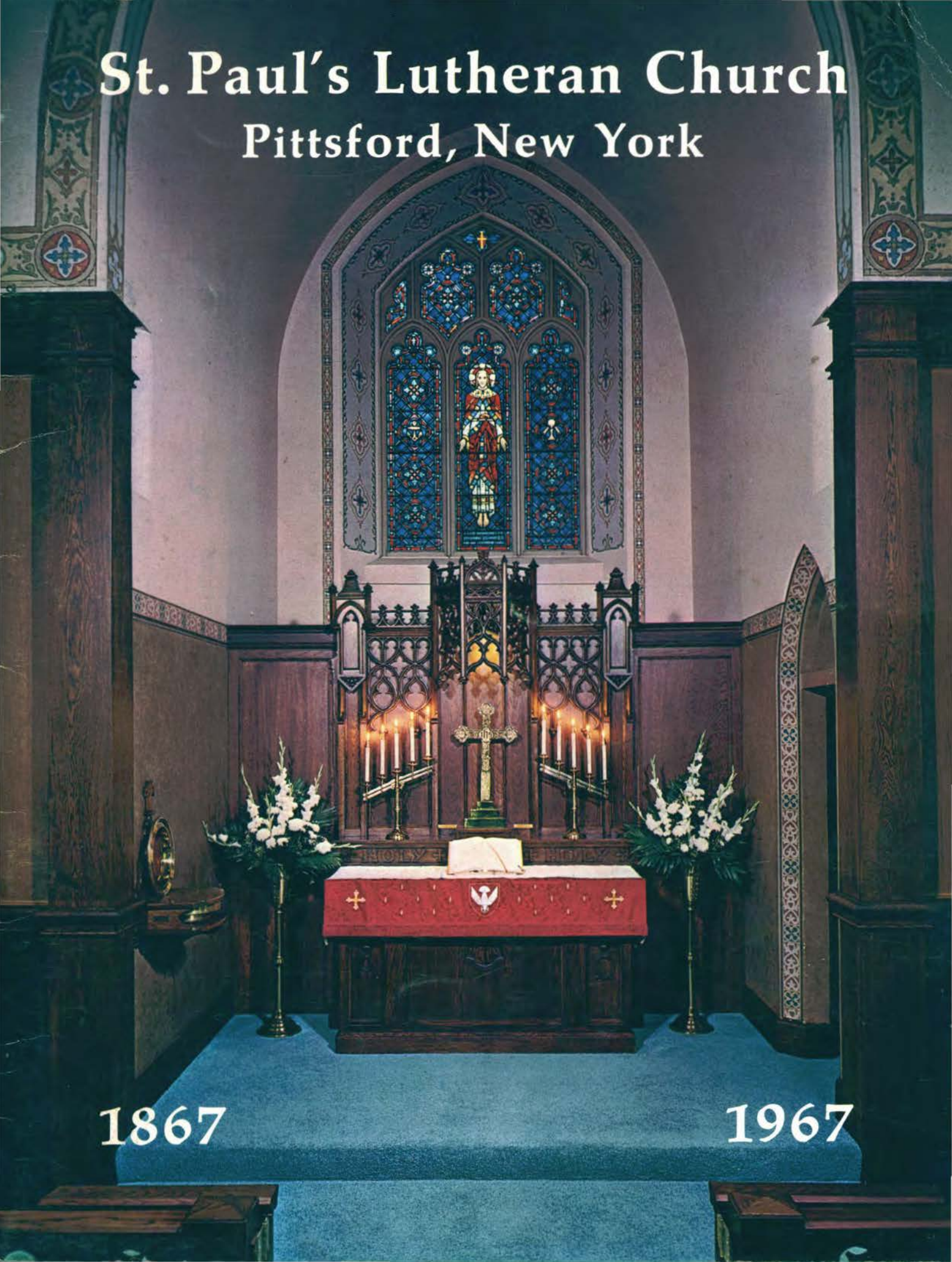


St. Paul's Lutheran Church Pittsford, New York



1867

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Pastor's Message

Exactly one hundred years ago this congregation was organized. The history contained in this brochure reflects only a part of the total life of St. Paul's, but nevertheless it mentions high points, structural changes, items of interest, changes of pastorates, goals sought and achieved, all of which have helped to bring the past alive. The present and the future would be poor indeed without an understanding of the past.

It is to the future that we must look today. The purpose of our congregation is

to proclaim the love of Christ to our world in a relevant way. We must never become so fascinated with the past that it binds any forward movement, or encumbers us with sterile traditions. We can answer our calling as Christians responsibly only as we serve in Christ's name. The celebration of our one hundredth anniversary is of value if we are challenged to a more effective witness in the years ahead.

Pastor Pittenger
July 29, 1967

CHURCH COUNCIL -- 100th ANNIVERSARY YEAR

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Through One Hundred Years

1867-1967

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

PITTSFORD, NEW YORK

St. Paul's Lutheran Church had its beginnings in June of 1867 when the Rev. Armin Uebelacker, Pastor of Zion Lutheran Church, Rochester, N.Y., (now merged with Concordia Lutheran Church into The Lutheran Church of The Incarnate Word) became interested in the spiritual welfare of German families in the Pittsford area. He began services for them in the Cobble Stone Schoolhouse of District No. 6, now the Masonic Hall on Church Street.

As more families settled in the area, the need for a full time Pastor grew, and on June 20, 1867, the Rev. Valentine Mueller of Clarence Center, N.Y., was called. On July 29, 1867, a month after Pastor Mueller's installation, an organ-

izational meeting was held for the congregation. Thirty five men and one woman signed the original constitution. (Women, however, had no voting privileges in the church of that day).

John Schoen
John Dierolf
John Utz
John Anders
Joachim Nikolaus
Frederick Bodes
Frederick Zeitler
Henry Hempel
John Bobus
John Martin Hetzer

George Fisch
John Ernst
William Raschow
John Brei
Frederick Wollenberg
Henry Creidt
Bernard Niese
George Wolfsberger
John Christ
Christian Hoff



Pastor Mueller
1867-1869

John Hoff
Henry Amreihn
John Voigt
Frederick Meier
Thomas Buettner
Catherine Oster
Frederick Furman
Frederick Schubman

Frederick Huscher
Frederick Schmidt
Anton Gerlach
Henry Merkel
Justus Zornow
Charles Klasen
John Mueller
George P. Stoll

The congregation, German speaking, was organized under the name of St. Paul's German Evangelical Lutheran Church of Pittsford, Monroe County, New York. At the first regular meeting of the congregation Elders, Deacons, Trustees and a secretary were elected and plans made to raise funds for the purchase of a lot and the erection of a church building.

Ground was purchased on what was then the Fairport Road, later Stoutenburg Road, now Golf Avenue, and on September 29, 1867, the cornerstone for a frame building was laid. Members of the congregation gave freely of their time and the use of their horse teams to complete the church building in time for Christmas services, 1867. The cornerstone of the original building, now a residence at 13 Golf Avenue, can still be seen. This building measured 32 feet by 44 feet, and was 18 feet high.

In April of 1869 Pastor Mueller resigned, and on May 29 of that year, Mr. George Gomph, a theological student at the Philadelphia Seminary was called. He was ordained in June and came to serve as a faithful shepherd to this congregation until his retirement 40 years later.

In the forty years of Dr. Gomph's ministry the congregation made great progress. He was himself a brilliant and colorful person, and is remembered for many in-



The Old Church, Erected in 1867

teresting accomplishments. Descendents of Dr. Gomph are still members of this congregation.

Soon after his arrival a Sunday Church School was organized which met following the Sunday morning services. In 1870 a parochial school was built with Dr. Gomph as its teacher.

In 1882 the New York, West Shore, and Buffalo Railroad was opened. The new track unfortunately was laid directly behind the church. Not only did the noise of the trains constantly disrupt the services, but so terrified the members' horses that they kicked down the sheds in which they were stabled. Great thought was then given to moving the church to a more suitable location.

On January 12, 1884, the congregation voted to sell its property and purchase land at the corner of Lincoln Street and Morning-side Park (now Lincoln and Washington Avenues) at a cost of \$800. Ground was broken on the new site February 27, 1884. The following September the church was

completed. This building measured 38 by 68 feet and had a tower 90 feet high. Its cost was \$2,450. The original entrance was through the tower.

Through a small monthly newspaper, "The Items," published by Dr. Gomph in his print shop, we gather insights into the life of the congregation and of the area in the early 1900's. This little paper, which could be subscribed to by church members and other area residents, contained news of church events, humor, and comments upon the area scene. He wrote in March of 1905, "Three new Pastors have settled in our village, of the Presbyterian, Methodist, and Episcopal Churches respectively. We have every incentive to be good." Also, "We need new hitching posts and rails on the west side of the church."

In the same issue he also shares a parsonage recipe. "A good relish to eat with meat is occasionally prepared at the parsonage...One cup of grated horseradish, add one cup of milk, boil gently twenty minutes

in a covered vessel, add one tablespoon of flour mixed with cold water, salt to taste, lastly a piece of butter as large as a hickory nut, stir constantly until flour is well cooked. Serve hot or cold."

Memorial Art Glass windows were added to the sanctuary in the years following. Dr. Gomph also comments upon the installation of these. In his "Items" of January 1904, "The art glass window man who is to furnish the four additional windows for our church seems to have been very busy with work which is of more importance to somebody than our windows are to those who ordered them. The latest communication from him is to the effect that the work will be ready by the first of September." Then in September he wrote, "The long delayed memorial windows have finally been placed in position. The parties who presented them are well pleased with the designs and the work."

Due to Dr. Gomph's ingenuity his home on Lincoln Avenue across from the church had gas lighting when most of the other buildings in the area still burned kerosine. Of this he wrote, "Our village board has granted a permit to a business firm...to lay pipes in the streets and establish a plant to furnish Acetylene gas to the inhabitants. The parsonage has been well lighted with Acetylene gas for the last five years at an expense of \$15 and about twelve hours attendance upon the machine per annum. It is the best artificial light in the market. If it were introduced into our church to take the place of the ever dripping kerosine for illuminating purposes it would be a consummation much to be desired." Later he wrote that plans to install high powered gas lights in the church had to be abandoned because the insurance company would not permit it.

But in 1907 he commented upon a greater improvement to our village. "The installation for the electric lighting of our village has been finally completed. The streets will be lighted every night in the year until long after the midnight hour. As might be expected, many of our citizens are dissatisfied. Each one of them would like to have a light before his own door."

In August 1884 steps were taken for the erection of another parochial school next to the church. This building was also used for church meetings. In 1890 the congregation purchased a used tracker action pipe organ from Zion Lutheran Church. Most of the installation was done by Dr. Gomph himself, including some changes and additions. Sound was produced by the efforts of a young man who pumped the bellows. The pipes from the organ remained in use until 1966 when a new Schlicker pipe organ was installed.



Dr. Gomph
1869-1909

In 1891 it became apparent that some of the younger generation were not enjoying or understanding the German services as much as their parents had been, so the last Sunday of the month was set aside for services in the English language. Later a second Sunday of English was added. In 1898 the Sunday Church School gave up the German language completely.

The Dorcas Society for the women of the congregation was organized in September 1902 at a meeting held in the school building of the church. In "The Items," Pastor Gomph wrote "At the September meeting of the Jugendverein (Young People) the desirability of adding a women's society to the working forces of our church was discussed. Apparently the matter had been considered privately and everything seemed ripe for the organization of such a society... primarily the object of the organization is to renovate and beautify the church building and later on to engage in home mission and charitable work." This responsibility has been fulfilled by this group, now a circle of the Lutheran Church Women, for 65 years.

In January 1903 the Dorcas Society proposed to give the money in its treasury toward building an 18 foot extension of the church building and moving the organ from the gallery into the new building on a level with the auditorium floor. Work was begun and the building completed for dedication September 6, 1903. Meanwhile the organ had been enlarged with a full sized pedal board and the installation of a set of reed pipes. The old school was sold for \$50 and moved to the rear of the parsonage where it was used for a printing shop. Horsesheds located on the property were moved to the place where the school had stood.

A group for young people known as the Jugendverein had been organized in March of 1893 and was a forerunner of our present Luther League. It existed mainly to care for the English element in the congregation and to promote fellowship while engaging in work of Christian love. English vespers were always held in connection with the meetings and may have helped pave the way for more frequent services in English. After the Jugendverein disbanded in 1913 a Luther League with similar purposes came into being.

In the year 1883 Wagner College, now located on Staten Island, N.Y., was founded largely through the efforts of Pastor Gomph, Pastor Richter, and other pastors of the Rochester Lutheran churches. Pastor Gomph served as a teacher, president of the board, legal advisor and friend to all of the students. The congregation each year provided a liberal supply of canned goods for the students' meals. On the 25th anniversary of the college Dr. Gomph wrote concerning its founding, "The Lutheran Pastors of Rochester met in Pittsford to talk over the project and the conference led to a resolution to begin immediately. Each minister contributed a sum of money toward the purchase of a modest school room outfit and promised to teach certain subjects gratuitously, trusting in a favoring Providence the school was opened in the fall of that year."

In addition to these activities Dr. Gomph also served sometimes as president of the local school board and did legal work for

many of the immigrant families.

Always in step with the times, Pastor Gomph owned one of the first automobiles in the village. After he retired his horse, Tom, in 1904, he wrote, "Tom, the minister's horse, has gone to Dansville, N.Y. His fear of automobiles made it unsafe for his owner to drive him, and now he lives among the hills in peace where automobiles are seldom seen. An automobile occupies his place in the barn."

Dr. Gomph's concern for sincerity in a church member is reflected in his admonition of 1903, "The man who quarrels with the Church and leaves it on the plea that Church members have not been helpful to him as they should have been is unconsciously publishing the fact that his motive in uniting with the church was not the right one. Paul did not ask, 'Lord, what wilt thou do for me?', but, 'What wilt thou have me to do?' The man whose place is in the Church does not ask, 'What can I get out of membership in this Church?', but, 'What can I do as a member of the Church, for Christ and for the Church.'"

Dr. Gomph, having served the congregation faithfully for forty years, retired on June 27, 1909, after a Mr. Herman Miller, a senior at the Philadelphia Seminary, had been called. The new young Pastor worked hard to follow in the footsteps of his predecessor. Pastor Gomph remained an active contributor to the life of the congregation, often attending to minor repairs about the property, and especially concerning himself with the maintenance of the pipe organ.



Pastor Miller
1909-1915

During the ministry of Pastor Miller, the old pew rental system was replaced with monthly offering envelopes. It was considered easier for the rural people to give

monthly, enabled each person to give as he could, and placed the church on a better financial footing. (Rent had also been charged for the use of the horse sheds).

At a meeting of the Church Council on April 15, 1911, it was resolved to mortgage the church property for \$4,000 to build a parsonage. Mr. Fred Zornow was hired to do the work and Dr. Gomph was enlisted to oversee it. In December of that year it was also resolved: "That the Church Council recommend...that the Pastor have use of the parsonage free without reduction of his salary (which was \$75 a month) with the understanding that he pays for the light and heat."

Within the next few years the church began a fund for the purchase of a bell for the tower but this was not installed until 1919 because of the poor economic condition during World War I. A number of changes in the interior of the church were made and an electric blower was installed in the organ.

In January of 1915 Pastor Miller resigned to accept a call to the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, Buffalo, N.Y., and on May 16, 1915, the Rev. J. Christian Krahrmer of Hudson, N.Y., was called. Because Pastor Krahrmer was unable to come until August of that year the pulpit was supplied by a student from the Philadelphia Seminary.

In 1916 men and women were given permission to commune together. Up until that time first the men communed and then the women. At a 1916 Council meeting it was recommended that "communion of Males and Females be introduced in our communion service."

On June 12, 1918, the church steeple was damaged by lightning and Mr. Fred Zornow was granted funds from the insurance company to repair it. The same year the name of the church was changed to St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Pittsford, Monroe County, New York.

In one month of 1919, the light and gas bill for the church amounted to \$3.46; the water bill was \$1.10, and the house to house

canvassers at their annual dinner ate \$6.00 worth of sausages. The church organist received an annual salary of \$125. In the same year the Common Service Book was purchased.



Pastor Krahrmer
1915-1923

By 1921 catechumens no longer had to fear the annual public examination by the congregation which had been the custom for many years. It was dropped in favor of examination in the presence of their parents and the Church Council. In the church paper, "The Messenger" of January 1923 Pastor Krahrmer, concerned even then about attendance at the worship services wrote, "To me it seems that there are two causes for this falling off; the ever increasing habit on the part of our city friends to visit in the country on Sunday and to keep our people from attending church, and because of the ever increasing mileage of good roads...the people drive past the church." In 1923 an appeal was made for goods to help our brothers and sisters in war ridden Europe. Several shipments of clothing were sent overseas supervised by the hard-working Dorcas Society, who also gave un-



St. Paul's Lutheran Church and Parsonage, 1917

stintingly of their time in every aspect of Christian service.

On September 1, 1923 Pastor Krahrmer resigned to accept a teaching position at Wagner College now moved to Staten Island. On August 25 of that year the Rev. Yost Brandt of Albany, N.Y., was called. English morning services instead of German were started the first Sunday of each month in January of 1924. During that month the remaining horse sheds were removed.

In a constitutional revision made in January 1926, all members in good standing, including women, were given a vote in church affairs.



Pastor Brandt

The decision was made in 1928 to remodel the present structure in order to make more room inside the church. During the rebuilding the congregation worshiped in the auditorium of the Pittsford High School on Lincoln Avenue. Men of the congregation donated time and labor to remove the old church furnishings and tear down the existing balcony, shingle the roof, and generally put the church grounds in order. The sanctuary was reversed and remodeled, a room added to the sides of the tower and the Dorcas room behind the sanctuary was altered to provide classroom areas. New furnishings and lantern lights were given



Pastor Davis

as memorials or as gifts by church societies. The organ was enlarged and rebuilt by the Kohl Pipe Organ Co., of Rochester, and the pipes placed behind ornamental grills at the front of the church. The altar window was given at this time in memory of Dr. Gomph, who died in 1918, by The Cenchreran Class, Mrs. Edna S. Jones, Teacher. Later there was apparently some concern about the use of the Bible School auditorium because in 1930 the Council resolved "That the Bible School auditorium be restricted to such gatherings as are customary to such a place of church assembly."

At the 1935 annual meeting of the congregation it was voted to abolish the German services which were then held just once a month. In 1940 special services were held to honor Mrs. Charlotte Steve Snyder who had served as organist for 40 years. Mrs. Snyder continued in this position for eight more years. Pastor Brandt resigned November 25, 1945, to retire from the parish ministry after having served the church for 22 years.



Interior St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 1917



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
PITTSFORD NEW YORK

On January 6, 1946, the congregation extended a call to the Rev. Charles Davis, a military Chaplain. During Pastor Davis's ministry a drive was held to raise the remaining money owed on the church mortgage. The mortgage was burned at a special worship service Tuesday, July 29, 1947, the 80th anniversary of St. Paul's. Pastor Davis resigned in November of 1950, to accept a call by the Board of American Missions to Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Denver, Colorado. The Rev. John Sanborn was called in February of 1951, to serve as the congregation's seventh pastor.

In 1952, the Confirmation Service was changed from Palm Sunday to Pentecost, and the church ceased the policy of closing its doors during the Pastor's vacation month. An early Sunday morning Matins service was started, with Holy Communion administered at the early service on the first Sunday of every month. During this year women (two) were elected to the church council for the first time.

Beginning in the 1950's the rural character of Pittsford began to change. A tremendous "housing boom" enabled many of

the farmers to sell their land at substantial prices. Industries growing in and around Rochester in a post war upsurge began to move employees from all over the country. Lutherans from many places came to the Pittsford area. St. Paul's, once a rural German congregation, was rapidly becoming a growing suburban church with an urgent need to minister to people from across the country. Often not rural, many not German, or even of Lutheran origins, these Christians with rich and varied backgrounds, had much to give as well as to receive as they entered into the fellowship of St. Paul's and worked in Christian love with members who knew and whose parents had known only this one congregation.

In response to this challenge the congregation in 1954 began the building of a new wing to contain Sunday Church school rooms, a library, and a study for the Pastor. At the same time the parsonage kitchen was remodeled and a breakfast room and downstairs powder room added. The new building was dedicated in January of 1956, a real asset to the educational program of the church. In 1957 two refugee families were sponsored by the congregation and welcomed into Christian fellowship. Pastor J. Christian Kraher, now retired, returned to become a member of St. Paul's.



J.C. Kraher Y. Brandt I. Sanborn

Pastor Sanborn left the congregation on March 27, 1957, to accept a call to Luther Memorial Church, North Syracuse, New York.

This time the congregation in April of 1957 called the Rev. Wayne S. Pittenger from Wilmington, Ohio, to become its eighth and present pastor. That summer the Pittsford school system, suddenly overcrowded, appealed to the congregation for the use of the church basement for kindergarten use. This space was occupied by them for the next school year with the church school continuing to use it on Sundays. Rent paid by the school was applied to the loan on the educational wing.

By April of 1959, it had become apparent that something drastic had to be done about the condition of the pipe organ. A committee was formed and after an intensive study it was decided to purchase a new instrument, and a two manual, 23 rank pipe organ, to be built especially to the specifications of our church, was contracted for from the Schlicker Organ Co., Buffalo, N.Y. In 1963 a venture in stewardship was made under the auspices of The Lutheran Laymen's Movement for Stewardship of the Lutheran Church in America. \$80,000 was pledged to cover the building of a gallery for organ and choir, the remodeling of the attic above the Dorcas room to provide additional classroom space and a choir room, some renovation of the sanctuary, and the purchase of additional property for parking or expansion of church facilities. In August of 1965, the Gilmore property on Lincoln Avenue, adjacent to the parsonage, was purchased for eventual use as a parking lot. In June of 1966, the new organ and remodeling work was dedicated.

Recently in Pittsford a new civic group was formed, Historic Pittsford, Inc., whose purpose is the preservation and restoration of the village area. Architect Paul Malo of Syracuse, N.Y., was hired to do a complete study of village architecture. He wrote of St. Paul's in the **Brighton-Pittsford Post**: "Probably Pittsford's most important late nineteenth century work of architecture is the splendid though unpretentious St. Paul's Lutheran Church. This frame building of 1884, on Lincoln Ave. although a simple building with clapboard siding and small Gothic arched windows, is distinguished by a fine entrance and a well designed tower,

evidencing architectural skill as well as a restraint uncommon for the time. Although, again, this may not be so widely appreciated as work of earlier periods, it is one of Pittsford's finest buildings and deserves inclusion on a priority list for preservation."

Three sons of the congregation have entered the Christian ministry. The Rev. Erich Brandt, The Rev. Steven Middernacht, and The Rev. Bruce Schrader. February 25, 1962, Miss Clara Leeper, R.N., was commissioned by the LCA Board of World Missions to service in Liberia for a special two year term of service at the mission hospital in Zor Zor. Mrs. Marion Miller Horn served as a full time worker, as Director of Music and Parish Visitor from September, 1965 through December 1966.

In recent years the spiritual outreach of the congregation has grown. Both Pastor and laymen have been involved in offices of the larger church, the ecumenical movement, and in an effort to understand the role of the church in the racial and social problems of our day. The congregational youth program has grown in quality. St. Paul's young people have been involved in retreats and conferences, and in the summer camping program at Keuka Lutheran Camp, which was established in May of 1959 through the efforts of the members of the Rochester Conference.

It is hoped that we can continue, in an age when much criticism is leveled against the institution of the church, to remember the words of St. Paul in his letter to the Galatians (6:9,10) "And let us not grow weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we do not lose heart. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all men, and especially to those who are in the household of faith."

Although this history has been presented with candor and occasionally a bit of humor, it is hoped that it has been a reflection of Christ's love, as for one hundred years St. Paul's Lutheran Church has tried, through its pastors and laymen, to serve Him as fully and effectively as it has been able.

CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS

Lutheran Church Women

Christian service in support of Lutheran Church Women of America is the aim of the women of the church participating in the various church circle programs.

Currently there are three groups in our church: Dorcas, Rachel and Ruth Circles.

Visits and remembrances for the aged in St. John's Home as well as the Dunk Nursing Home residents are a part of their christian service. These women also assist with special programs within the church.

A new venture in christian service was started this past year in the form of a monthly workshop. All women of the church were invited to meet one day each month to work on articles for local hospitals and local and foreign missions.

Officers:

Muriel Herpich President
 Delores Ford Vice President
 Marion Lehman Secretary
 Doris Waterstraat Treasurer
 Helen Schnorr Christian Service
 Alice Hamlin Education
 Mary Ellen Winans Membership

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

Better understanding and strengthening of christian faith is fostered through the Sunday Church School program. Instruction in christian education is conducted weekly for all ages ranging from nursery through adult groups. Confirmation classes for 7th and 8th grade students are conducted as a part of the Sunday Church School program.

Additional classrooms were completed in 1954 to accommodate the growing number of students. Average attendance each Sunday is 280. A 32 per cent increase in attendance was reported this past year.

Three special programs are held during the year: Children's Day in June, Rally Day in September and a Christmas program.

A benevolence program is encouraged. Along with projects for remembering the less fortunate in our area, the Sunday Church School has sent funds to Seamen's Center in New York City, the Board of World Missions and the Lutheran Indian Mission at Rocky Boy in Montana.



1967 CONFIRMATION CLASS

Front row, seated (l. to r.) Sharon Priest, Donna Ivison, Carol Winans, Kristine Engstrom, Doyle Kelsey, Blanche Kahley.
 Second row, (l. to r.) Linwood Bandemer, Deborah Hegeman, Karen Balogh, Susan Glaze, Patricia Drumheller, Edward Silco.
 Back row, (l. to r.) Pastor Pittenger, James Schupsky, Gary Burdett, James Lehman, Francis Sousa, Richard Hyman, Paul Plane.



New Church Organ Under Construction

CHOIRS

Currently there are three choirs at St. Paul's. The Children's Choir, which participates only in special services, is made up of boys and girls from the ages of six to nine. The Youth Choir is composed of boys and girls ages ten to fourteen. This choir sings regularly at the early Sunday morning service.

The Adult Choir participates regularly in the 11 o'clock service each Sunday morning and at special evening services. In addition to leading the congregational singing this group renders anthems at each service. Special musical programs have been presented at Christmas and Easter services.

A special program which has been inaug-

urated during the past year is the "Hymn of the Month." A hymn which is unfamiliar to the congregation is selected. The choir uses it as an anthem at one service during the month and it is sung by the choir and congregation on the other three Sundays to familiarize the congregation with the hymn.

ORGAN

The new organ and new architectural arrangement of the balcony and choir loft, along with the fine choirs has added greatly to the music worship portion of the service.

Miss Marilyn Stulken, Master of Music, is currently serving as a full time staff member as Director of Music, Youth Ministry and Parish Visitation.



1967 DORCAS CIRCLE

Front row, seated (l. to r.) Rose Habecker, Cassie Rehbein, Helena Waterstraat, Frances Schrader, Lillian Lehman, Charlotte Snyder, Cora Gilmore, Ethel Senecker, Marion Geil, Mina Startup.
 Second row, (l. to r.) Betty Priest, Ruth Schwartz, Alma Lussow, Edna Ernst, Ida Miller, Emily Birr, Delia Guest, Alma Baetzel, Dora Hinderland, Florence Grube, Dora Hines, Leah Leaper, Esther Thompson, Ethel Schutt, Carrie Bohm, Mary Bastian.
 Third row, (l. to r.) Emma Schrader, Alice Snyder, Mabel Naber, Helen Lussow, Clara Leeper, Luella Weidner, Viola Schutt, Elsie Kassel.

DORCAS SOCIETY

Organized in 1902 the Dorcas Society, now Dorcas Circle, is the oldest church organization. Membership numbers fifty and average attendance at each meeting is thirty. Present membership includes two charter members, Mrs. Charlotte Snyder and Miss Cora Gilmore.

In the early days of this group there was great need for group projects resulting in financial aid for the church. Along with devotional and fellowship programs these

dedicated women worked long and hard to aid in the financial support for the work of the church.

Because of the change in needs of today's society, their current goals, in addition to projects for financial support, now are for inspirational and devotional programs.

Officers:

- Lillian Lehman President
- Ada Forman Secretary

M and M CLUB

Celebrating their 20th Anniversary in September of this year, the M and M Club was organized under the guidance of Pastor Charles Davis. This organization provides christian fellowship for church couples in the middle-age and older group. Couples meet once a month for dinner and an evening program. Those belonging are very loyal and attendance averages eighteen couples

each month.

Officers:

- Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Steffen . . . President
- Mr. and Mrs. Donald Schwartz
 Vice President
- Mr. and Mrs. William Geil . . . Secretary
- Mr. and Mrs. Chester Frederick . Treasurer

LUTHER LEAGUE

For many years the Luther League has been the organization serving the needs and interests of the young people of the church. Currently programs are planned specifically for boys and girls in grades nine through twelve, although older youths may join.

The main purpose of the organization is to foster christian fellowship and to encourage participation in service projects for the church. Opportunity for deepening one's faith is offered through the devotional programs led by members of the group and through occasional retreats held at Keuka Camp.

The new stress in the congregation of the LCA is now on YOUTH MINISTRY. This concept recognizes youth at work in worship, study, service and fellowship. A concerted effort will be made to involve youth in the total life of the church.

Officers:

Kathleen McKenna President
James Schupsky Vice President
Nancy Ruske Secretary
Susan Barry Treasurer
Advisor: Miss Karen French

COUPLES CLUB

The newest church organization is the "Couples Club" formed in March of 1967. The organization meeting was called by Richard Geysel, current Church Council President. Eighteen couples attended. Meetings are held once each month.

Christian fellowship is their basic goal. The desire for fulfilling their Christian responsibility along with a time for fellowship is typified by the work and social programs planned by this group.

One member very ably expressed the need for such a group as follows: "We have recently moved to Pittsford from another state. We find there are many other families in our church who are newcomers to the church and community. This kind of organization helps one get acquainted more quickly. It also helps one become an active and contributing member of the church."

Officers:

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Barry . . . Co-Chairmen
Mr. and Mrs. Donald Glaze . . . Secretary
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Schupsky . Treasurer
Mr. and Mrs. Donald McKenna
. Membership
Mr. and Mrs. David Hubbell . Membership

Members of Anniversary Committee

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Frederick, Chairmen
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Baetzel
Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bastian
Mr. and Mrs. Ivin Forman
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gysel
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lehman
Pastor and Mrs. Pittenger

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Priest
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ruske
Mrs. Helen Schnorr
Mr. and Mrs. David Shepherd
Mrs. and Mrs. Albert Silco, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Stone
Mr. and Mrs. Harland Waterstraat

Miss Christine Utz

