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***St Paul's
Lutheran Church***



***135th
Anniversary
Celebration***

Pastor's Letter

St Paul
Siouxland



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What a joy it is, for the past 135 years, that St. Paul's Lutheran Church has been called by God to proclaim His Word, both Law and Gospel, in the Siouxland area. Also, we have been privileged to support many missionaries throughout the world for more than a century.

As we look back on the history of St. Paul's, we are excited to see the seed of the Gospel that has grown into a big tree which reflects God's abundant grace and mercy. Further, we are thrilled to be the witnesses of God's love and faithfulness to the people around us.

Therefore, the celebration of our anniversary is not about our achievement but about giving thanks, praises and glory to God who works through St. Paul's to make more and better disciples. We thank God that many souls have been touched through His servants, both lay people and called staff, who have faithfully used their gifts and talents to further His kingdom.

What a wonderful journey we have had for the past 135 years and we boldly pray that He will give us the privilege, wisdom and guidance to serve Him for the next 135 years.

Pastor Kenny

A Brief History of St. Paul's

THE FIRST 25 YEARS • 1877-1902

"The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field; which is indeed the least of all seeds; but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof." Matt. 13:31-32. In the parable the Lord pictures his Kingdom on earth. Its beginning was small and insignificant, but its extension over all the earth was rapid and complete. The beginning of the great Reformation by Dr. Martin Luther was very insignificant, yet it restored the divine Word, which spread with astonishing rapidity. Our Lutheran Church of the Missouri Synod had a very humble beginning in this country more than one hundred years ago, but it now extends to many countries around the globe.

The history of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Sioux City reveals a very small and humble beginning. In the year 1874, two pastors of the Evangelical Church (Albright Brethren) incorporated the Emmanuel's congregation and stationed a pastor here in 1875. The German Lutherans, not inclined to join this Evangelical body, were frequently disturbed by traveling Lutheran pastors who were not true to the Lutheran Confessions. The people were as sheep without a shepherd. The early German Lutherans of Sioux City were visited as early as 1875 by a Lutheran Circuit Rider, Rev. A. W. Frese. He organized a congregation at Martinsburg, Nebraska, and ordained their first pastor, Rev. F. Eisenbeiss, in November, 1876. Every effort was made to gather the German Lutherans into this congregation.



Rev. A. W. Frese

When Rev. Eisenbeiss was in Sioux City on business, he contacted several German Lutherans who requested him to conduct Lutheran services for them. He consented, posted a notice of the service in the Sioux City Courier, and preached the first sermon on Romans 1:16-17 on May 6, 1877, to a good sized audience in the Norwegian Lutheran Church on Perry Creek on West Seventh. The second service was held on the second day of Pentecost, and the third in July, 1877. Thereafter services were conducted every third Sunday.

In 1877, a lot was purchased on "Codfish Hill" (613 Jackson St.) for \$750.00 and building operations were begun in October. On December 9, 1877, the church was opened for services, but the building was not dedicated because of a \$1,300.00 debt against it. The total cost of the building was \$2,600.00.

Pastor F. Eisenbeiss writes in the Chronicles of our Church: "From October, 1877, our first German Lutheran Church (in Sioux City) began to develop and was served by me as a branch congregation." Thus a congregation has existed since October, 1877. This must be considered the date of birth of our congregation, although no constitution was formally adopted.

The first recorded minutes of a regular meeting are dated January 6, 1879. The first class of catechumens, nine in number, was confirmed in the Norwegian Lutheran Church May 5, 1878.

A constitution, prepared by Rev. F. Eisenbeiss and a temporary Board of Elders (which shows that an organization already existed) was adopted and signed by thirteen members on September 23, 1878, in a meeting held on this date in Groninger's Hall. The necessary officers were elected and a call was extended to Rev. F. Eisenbeiss. He accepted the call and was installed November 7, 1878, by Rev. J. L. Craemer of Fort Dodge, Iowa, on instruction from Rev. F. Blitz, president of the Western District of the Missouri Synod, to which district the state of Iowa belonged at that time.

On December 18, 1878, the church building on Codfish Hill (613 Jackson) owned by the Emmanuel's Evangelical congregation passed into the hands of our congregation upon payment of the remaining debt of \$1,300.00, and served this congregation as a house of worship until the year 1901. The basement was used as a parsonage and confirmation room. The first confirmation in this church was held on Palm Sunday, 1879.



1st Church Building

January 8, 1879, the congregation was incorporated under the name: The First German Lutheran Congregation, U.A.C. (Unaltered Augsburg Confession) in Sioux City. In February, 1879, a plea for financial help was sent to the fellow Christians in the Synod and found a willing response. August 16, 1879, at 3:00 P.M., \$426.00 was paid on the lot on which the church was located and the congregation became sole owner of the complete property on Jackson Street. Rev. F. Eisenbeiss writes in the Chronicles: "Praise and thanks be to God for the help extended to us in a much shorter time than we had expected". With thanks and rejoicing, the church was dedicated on October 19, 1879. Three services were conducted in which Revs. J. L. Craemer, F. Grumm and F. Eisenbeiss preached. With the help received from fellow Christians, the congregation made necessary improvements and paid all but \$600.00 of the debt, which sum was borrowed from a local building association at 10% interest.

A parsonage was erected in the rear of the church in 1881, which served as the sexton's residence. Soon after the congregation was started, its members felt the need for a Christian education for their children, so, in the same year, the congregation applied to the Teacher's Seminary at Addison, Illinois, for a parochial school teacher, and candidate A. G. Frinke came from Addison, Illinois, filled the office of first teacher of our church school.

Already the next year, 1882, the congregation joined the Iowa District of the Missouri Synod, which was organized as a separate district in 1879. Thus the congregation had made good progress under the able leadership of their youthful pastor but his life's work was to come to a speedy close. The last congregational meeting he attended was held March 3, 1882. During the summer his wife died of typhoid fever and he followed her in death, caused by the same ailment, on October 21, at the age of 31 years.

The accomplishments of the first years were not achieved without many difficulties. Satan was determined to hinder the progress of the local church as much as possible. During the time of the pastor's illness no services were conducted. Internal dissension caused several members to sever their connection with the congregation. Indifference and a lack of interest on the part of most members is evident from the fact that teacher A. Frinke was released in 1882, the school closed, and that the members failed to put forth any effort to resume services or fill the vacancy in the ministry.

The president of the Iowa District of Synod, concerned about the welfare of the congregation, sent C. Runge, a student of Concordia Seminary, Springfield, Illinois, to Sioux City to supply the congregation with the Word of God. He arrived November 22, 1882. When Pastor Runge came to Sioux City, there were only seven members left. Plans were laid to start again and services were advertised in two English and two German newspapers. Rev. Runge's salary was \$200.00 per year at that time. While serving Sioux City he also served the churches in Onawa and Hinton, Iowa, as well as in Yankton, Centerville and Rosenberg, South Dakota. The pastor traveled by livery team or train to these other congregations.

Rev. Carl Runge reopened the school and, in order to keep it going, taught all the classes himself. Services were again resumed, but many former members showed no interest and others became antagonistic

when the young student insisted upon strict Christian practice and life, and refused to come back to church.

In the meantime, student Runge had found several staunch Lutherans who recognized his faithful ministry and on the first Sunday in January, 1883, a meeting was held with a few former members and those interested in true Lutheranism and a new constitution was adopted.

In 1883, the congregation called C. Runge as their regular pastor and he was ordained and installed on the seventh Sunday after Trinity by Rev. F. S. Buenger of LeMars, assisted by Rev. J. Heese of Hull, Iowa. In the following year Miss Sack, deaconess from Jerusalem, Palestine, assisted in teaching the church school. The next year teacher Tessmann of Chicago was called but soon resigned from office. In 1886, realizing the blessings of a Christian Day School, the congregation called R. J. Geisemann from the Seminary at Addison, Illinois, to take over the pastor's duties as teacher. A steady growth was experienced under the faithful ministry of Rev. C. Runge and the congregation numbered 39 voting members in November, 1889, when he was given a peaceful dismissal to follow a call to St. Paul's Lutheran congregation in Hanover Township, Crawford County, Iowa.

Immediately on the following Sunday after Rev. C. Runge's departure, November 10, 1889, Rev. J. Trinklein of St. Louis, Missouri, was called and he was installed December 8, by Rev. F. J. Buenger of LeMars. In the following year teacher R. Geisemann was released to St. Paul's congregation, Crawford County, Iowa. A call to fill the vacancy was tendered to teacher H. Lemke of Detroit, Michigan in July, 1891, and he entered his work here in September, 1891.

After serving the congregation for four years, Rev. J. Trinklein accepted a call to Frankenlust, Michigan, preaching his farewell sermon the first Sunday in Advent, 1893.

Again the office of the ministry in the congregation was vacant. Twice the call for a pastor was returned. Then Rev. C. Noack of Riverside, Illinois, convinced that the Lord wanted his services in Sioux City, accepted the call and entered upon his office February 11, 1894. His faithful labor was blessed by the Lord for the welfare of the church. In December, 1896, teacher H. Lemke was given a peaceful dismissal to the congregation at Hinsdale, Illinois.

During the vacancy in the school, student Mueller served as supply teacher, assisted by Miss A. Willner, who continued her activity as teacher until 1899. In February of that year teacher J. Voigt came from Missouri and assumed the duties in the parochial school, which he filled faithfully for a period of twelve years. Pastor Noack's wife, being with child, had the misfortune of cutting her hand on a breadbox. It became infected, blood poison set in, and she died shortly afterward. In the year 1899, Rev. C. Noack received a call from Arlington Heights, Illinois, for the second time and considered it his duty to accept. The congregation, convinced of the importance of the call, finally voted to release him.

A successor to Rev. Noack was obtained in the person of Rev. R. Amstein, who was installed October 15, 1899.

In April of 1900, a special meeting was held in which it was decided to circulate two lists for subscriptions, one for a new church building and the other for an addition to the church, which was becoming too small. In the May meeting it was reported that \$3000.00 had been subscribed for a new church. It was decided to sell the property on Jackson Street for \$4500.00 and a committee was elected to look for a new building site somewhere between Market Street and the Floyd River and Fourth and Fourteenth Streets. A place on Ninth and Court was decided upon and \$100.00 paid down; but as no clear title could be obtained the money was refunded. On March 3, and in another meeting on April 14, it was decided to build a larger church on Jackson Street, 40x70 feet, with a school room below. Six thousand dollars was set as the maximum sum. On May 19, plans were accepted and Ernest Kruck was selected as builder at \$24.00 per week. The cornerstone was laid in July. The church was dedicated



2nd Church Building

on the 15th of December, 1901. The young people collected \$617.97 for a pipe organ. The cost of the building was \$5,791.14, the organ and fixtures came to \$1,296.82, bringing the total cost to \$7,087.96.

The new church was dedicated on the 15th of December, 1901. Thus the erection of the second church brought the 25th anniversary of the congregation to a fitting close. The Lord had bestowed His blessing upon the work of the congregation, which was now well established and numbered 54 voting members.

SECOND 25 YEARS • 1902-1927

The second 25 years were begun with the firm confidence that God would continue to prosper the work of our hands according to His promise.

In the spring of 1902, the enrollment of the school had increased to such an extent that it was decided to call another regular teacher. Unfortunately, no teacher candidate was available that year, so student Laufer was engaged to teach the lower grades. On August 9, 1903, Mr. E. W. Fremder, a candidate from the Normal School at Addison, Illinois, accepted the call to the school. During this time, the school was an ungraded school. Each child worked at his or her own level; some took German, some took English, whichever they needed. Even Zoology was taught and one bright 8 year old took the course with the 14 year olds. There were 54 students and 2 teachers.

The 25th anniversary of the congregation was celebrated on September 6, 1903, in connection with annual Mission Festival. The speakers at this celebration were the Rev. C. Runge and the Rev. H. Beer of Hinton, Iowa.

Also in 1903, our parish school participated in the Lutheran exhibition at the World's Fair in St. Louis, Missouri.

In the spring of the year 1904, the congregation was saddened by the departure of their faithful pastor, the Rev. Amstein. He accepted a call to the congregation near Ida Grove, Iowa. Although the congregation was very reluctant to let their pastor go, they realized that his health would not permit him to do the work of a city congregation any longer.

In the fall of 1904, the Lord again supplied a faithful pastor to the congregation in the person of Rev. T. Stephan, who had been pastor at Osage, Iowa.

Until 1906, the pastors lived in the parsonage in the rear of the church, but in the spring of 1906, the congregation bought a house on Twelfth and Jennings Streets (1119 Jennings) for \$4000.00 to be used for a parsonage. Teacher Voigt then moved into the house at the rear of the church.

In September, 1907, Mr. E. Fremder resigned as teacher of the lower grades and Rev. Stephan taught these grades until July, 1909, when Mr. J. Sieving accepted the call as second teacher of the school. He had to resign, however, because of illness in March, 1910. Student W. Kraemer then supplied the school from May 5, 1910. He was still working in the congregation when Rev. Stephan resigned on August 14, 1910. Rev. Stephan later accepted a call to Vincent, Iowa. At this time the congregation numbered 635 souls, 360 communicant members and 62 voting members, with 62 children in the school. Student Kraemer had been asked to remain until October 1, 1910, but became ill on the first day of school, and Miss Mattie Suter took over his classes.

In the fall of the year 1910, Rev. G. A. Matthaidess of Newall, Iowa, accepted the call of the congregation and was installed in November of that year. Miss Mattie Suter resigned her position in January, 1911, and Mr. J. Voigt, who had served the congregation as teacher since 1899, accepted a call to Detroit, Michigan. This left the school entirely without a regular teacher for a time. During this vacancy the school was taught for short periods of time by Rev. Stark, student A. Nuoffer and Rev. Matthaidess until March, 1912, when Mr. C. Capelle accepted the call as regular teacher. In June of the same year Mr. A. G. Kuntz was called.

In the spring of 1912, the congregation bought the ground on which our present property is located. In 1913, the organization of a Sunday School was discussed but did not materialize for fear of proving harmful to the parish school. However, not all the children of the congregation attended the church school and a means of gathering the children of churchless parents into the congregation was not available. In 1914, it was decided to sell the parsonage on Twelfth and Jennings Streets and build a parsonage on the newly acquired ground. The result was a parsonage built in 1914, at a cost of \$4,680.00.

The school again received a blow when in July, 1914, teacher Capelle accepted a call to Fort Smith, Arkansas. This left Mr. Kuntz alone in charge of the school. In those days, the school was back to being a one-room school. School was held on the ground floor rooms of the church at 613 Jackson Street until 1916.



New School Building, 1916

In the fall of 1915, Mr. and Mrs. Gruner made an exceptional offer to the congregation: they would present a new school building to the congregation if the latter would build a teacherage. The congregation accepted the offer with thanks and built a teacherage between the parsonage and the new school building in 1916 at the cost of \$3,500.00. The cornerstone for the school was laid July 16, 1916. The two story brick building at 614 Jennings Street was built at a cost (to Mr. & Mrs. Gruner) of \$15,000.00 and was dedicated on the 8th of November, 1916. Speakers at this occasion were Pres. W. C. Kohn of River Forest, Illinois, Pastor Ilten and Rev. C. Runge. School was held on the first floor and the second floor was used as a parish center.

In 1917, candidate J. W. Specht was called as second teacher but, sad to say, Mr. Kuntz accepted a call and left during the summer of the same year. Teacher Specht was called to the army in August, 1918, and Mr. C. W. Grienke was called.

In October, 1917, our Sunday School was organized with 65 pupils and six teachers. There were also two German classes at that time. The Sunday School received the active cooperation of many members and enjoyed a prosperous growth.

In November, 1919, the young men of St. Paul's started an association - the Lutheran Young Men's Association. Article II of their Constitution stated: "The purpose of this Association is to offer the members recreation by fostering social intercourse and all sorts of amusements, to give an opportunity to education through choice lectures, good books and periodicals, as well as through instruction in arts and science; and to restrain them from seduction and separation of their faith."

The young people's society of St. Paul's dates back to nearly the beginning of the congregation. At first it was known as the "Jugendverein". The meetings were conducted in German until about 1911, when permission was granted by the congregation to use English because no one was able to write the minutes in German. Shortly thereafter, the society was organized under the name of Junior Young People's Society. In 1918, the name was changed to Walther League of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, and in the following year the group joined the International Walther League.

Mr. C. W. Grienke served the school until January, 1920. Mr. W. J. Ehlen was called in February, 1920.

Already in the spring of 1921, the Walther League petitioned the congregation to consider the building of a new church on the corner of Seventh and Jennings Streets, pledging their wholehearted support. District collectors were chosen and each individual was urged to contribute regularly each month. During the following years the discussion of ways and means of building was frequently taken up.

A second room was added in 1923, and it was decided to engage a lady teacher.

In 1925, the Mission Board of the Iowa District was petitioned by St. Paul's Lutheran to place a city missionary here. They agreed and extended a call to Rev. H. Otten, who was installed on March 21, 1926, in St. Paul's Lutheran. Morningside was canvassed and the first service, with 43 in attendance, was held April 4,

1926. Redeemer Lutheran church was organized on June 13, 1926. A building site was purchased in 1927 and the chapel dedicated in April, 1928.

On July 5, 1925, it was definitely decided to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the congregation in 1927, and that this be done by dedicating a new church building at that time. Plans were now made in earnest. Temporary committees viewed plans and visited newly erected churches in the neighborhood. By April 4, 1926, the subscriptions for the church building fund stood at \$26,931.00 and included a pledge of \$5,000.00 given by Mr. Gruner in memory of his deceased wife. By May 2, 1926, the fund stood at \$31,800.00.

In June, 1926, a building committee was elected. On August 1, 1926, Mr. K. E. Westerlind was selected as architect. During a regular voter's meeting Mr. Westerlind presented his plans for the new building.

THIRD 25 YEARS • 1927-1952

The year 1927 was a notable year in the annals of the congregation in more than one respect. It was the fiftieth year of its existence, the Golden Jubilee year. God's blessings had rested upon the labors within the church and the congregation had increased numerically. The report of this date shows: 700 souls, 411 communicant members, 104 voting members, with 66 children attending the parochial school.

In commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary the congregation decided to complete its building program on its property on Jennings Street by erecting a new house of worship. Plans for a beautiful brick church, 44x112, were accepted and the contract for the building was let June 19, 1927, and construction of the new church was given to F. J. Sulzbach. Building operations were immediately begun and the cornerstone was laid August 7, at 3:00 p.m. but it was impossible to complete the church in this year. On January 8, 1928, the last two services were held in the old church on Jackson Street. On the next two Sundays the congregation worshiped in the Parish Hall. The dedication of the new church took place on January 22, 1928, at which occasion Rev. C. Runge, Prof. H. Koenig and Rev. A. C. Ilten preached the sermons. The dedication was performed by Pastor G. A. Matthaidess.



Our Current Building

The total cost of the building, including a five thousand dollar Rueter pipe organ (a special project of the Walther League), was approximately \$60,000.00. The congregation was in possession of a beautiful church property of four substantial brick buildings and the building plans begun over twenty years previous were completed. The good Lord had prospered His Word and also the work of our hands.

The transition from the German to the English language made rapid progress. March 2, 1928, the name of the congregation in the incorporation papers was changed from: "The First German Lutheran Congregation of the Unaltered Augsburg Confession of Sioux City, Woodbury County, Iowa", to "St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Unaltered Augsburg Confession in Sioux City, Iowa". The English language replaced the German in the main service, and was exclusively used in the school, instructions and the various organizations of the church. An early Sunday morning service in German was retained for those who preferred to hear the Word of God in that language.

In the fall of 1933, after a long period of deliberation and discussion in a series of meetings, a number of members were released with permission to organize another Lutheran congregation on the west side, known as Concordia Lutheran Church. A lot was purchased at West 4th & George and a church erected. A residence at the rear of the church was acquired for a parsonage. After serving the congregation twenty-three years, Rev.

G. A. Matthaidess was released in the fall of 1933 to serve as pastor at the new Concordia Lutheran Church. He preached his farewell sermon on December 24.

After calling twice without success, Rev. A. H. Janke of Buckeye, Iowa, accepted the pastorate and was installed on January 21, 1934.

The congregation had a debt of \$21,500.00 which needed attention. A financial plan for the retirement of the entire debt was inaugurated and worked successfully. At the time of our sixtieth Jubilee, the debt stood at \$14,000.00.

In a regular meeting on March 4, 1934, it was moved and seconded to build a double garage in the rear of the parsonage. Mr. Lunduski volunteered to collect the money. Before the meeting was over, Mr. Lunduski reported that \$167 had been pledged during the meeting. In the next meeting, thanks were given to all who helped build the garage.

In August, 1934, Rev. Janke began to preach in the public school in Lawton to members of St. Paul's who were not able to come to Sioux City for services and Sunday School. Other families in the neighborhood were interested and the service had an average attendance of 60.

In September, 1934, candidate H. Berner replaced Miss Lorena Amstein in the lower grades of the school and also assisted in the preaching. He was placed in charge of the Lawton mission, which the pastor had served since August. At the end of the year he accepted a call to the congregation near Ireton, Iowa, and Mrs. Clara Beltz filled the vacancy in the primary room and taught until June, 1936.

The congregation in Lawton organized under the name Bethel Lutheran Church, purchased a vacant church building, called a resident pastor and bought a parsonage.

Also in 1934, the possibility of starting a mission in Leeds was seriously discussed and early in 1935, an appeal to start a mission there was sent to the Mission Board. They requested St. Paul's to take over the work, but the congregation did not deem it wise for several valid reasons. The Mission Board had the field canvassed by Rev. H. Kettler. The abandoned Presbyterian Church was rented, cleaned and services began. Several families from St. Paul's and from Trinity, Hinton, were released and Calvary Lutheran Church was organized. In the fall of 1935, Rev H. Hinck was called as pastor and the church was purchased for \$1,400.00. The following month St. Paul's Church took up an offering for the benefit of the Leeds mission.

In 1936, Miss Agnes Frese had charge of the primary grades. School attendance during 1936-1937 was 94 pupils. Later in 1936, candidate E. Greene, available by reason of the Candidate Fund, entered upon his work here as assistant to the pastor. He remained until April, 1937, and accepted a call to Buck Grove, Iowa.

In commemoration of our sixtieth Jubilee and the tenth anniversary of the church dedication, the congregation had the interior of the church beautifully decorated.

The pastors C. Runge, T. Stephan, F. Rath and H. Harms, president of the Iowa District of Synod, delivered the festival sermons on October 31, 1937, the 60th Anniversary of the congregation. On that date the congregation numbered 889 souls and 580 communicants. In the ten years since the Golden Jubilee, 1927, 348 were baptized and 293 confirmed. The mission spirit prevailed and the growth of the congregation in the following years continued at a steady pace. In 1937, our Sunday School had 210 students enrolled and were taught by a staff of 22 teachers. The Cradle Roll had 69 children listed. In conjunction with Sunday School, two junior Bible classes were held for those under 18 years of age. During the next year, Candidate R. Nagler assisted in preaching, canvassing and interesting the unchurched in the one thing needful.

Dr. Walter A Meier, the first Lutheran Hour speaker, was in Sioux City to speak for the Lutheran Hospital graduation and preached at St. Paul's on Sunday, May 29, 1938.

In 1946, the congregation voted to build a Parish Hall to provide room for a church office and additional space for the Sunday School and various activities. The church basement afforded room for gatherings for about 200 and was no longer adequate for the growing congregation. Because of the scarcity of building

material, a result of World War II, the building program was postponed, and then postponed again for various reasons.

The third teacher was Mr. E. P. Schauland, the youngest brother of Rev. H. H. Schauland (St. Paul's pastor from 1967 - 1978). Teacher Schauland and his bride to be, Miss M. Glade, were both involved with the work of the congregation that year. Mr. Schauland left in the spring of 1948.

In 1948, the Voters moved to spend \$2,200.00 to purchase four lots, with a total frontage of 177 feet facing Dubuque Street. in the Coles Addition, and requested the Mission Board to build a chapel and place a pastor in the field. The chapel was erected in 1949 and a missionary-at-large began to gather the flock. They organized under the name Bethany Lutheran Church with several families from St. Paul's as the nucleus.

September 5, 1950, marked the opening of the 70th school year at St. Paul's Lutheran School. St. Paul's Lutheran School is operated by St. Paul's Lutheran Church as a part of its educational program for the Christian training of its children. Because it is convinced of the values of Christian Education and training, the church does not limit attendance at the school to its own members, but makes the opportunity available to others interested in a Christian education for their children. The school was operated by the church and the affairs of the school were directed by a committee.

Mr. Delbert Schulz was called from Richmond, California, to assume the duties of principal and upper grade teacher of the school. The Misses Verla Arends and Earline Kohl, of Sac City, Iowa, and Electra, Texas, respectively, served as teachers in the school. The Rev. A. H. Janke, then pastor of St. Paul's, also instructed the upper classes in the field of religion in preparation for church membership.



After church around 1950

The membership of the congregation multiplied considerably and an intensive, efficient ministry among the members and the gathering of new ones was beyond the ability of one man. The congregation realized this for some time and in the spring of 1951 they decided to give the pastor needed assistance. Student Lloyd Warneke was engaged and worked in the congregation from August, 1951, to July 31, 1952. In the meantime the congregation discussed the advisability of calling a regular pastor instead of changing students year after year. The discussion ripened into the resolution to call a candidate, who was to be assistant pastor. A call was sent to Synod's Committee on Assignment of Calls, and Candidate Walter A. Resner of the Seminary in Springfield, Illinois,

received and accepted our call and was ordained and installed by the pastor as a regular assistant pastor on August 10, 1952, the year of our Diamond Jubilee.

God fulfilled His promise among us that His Word shall not return void, but prosper in the thing whereto He sent it. At the close of the Diamond Jubilee Year the congregation numbered 1,300 souls and 900 communicants. During the years 1934-1952, 1,794 new communicants were received into membership, which, added to the 420, should result in 2,214 communicants but 1,214 were released, transferred, removed or died in that period, so the actual communicant membership stood at 900. Because of the constant turnover, 1,794 communicants had to be brought in to register a net gain of 480 communicant members.

In 1951, the school began a kindergarten class. When the discussion of the 75th Anniversary began in 1951, it was decided to celebrate this Diamond Jubilee with the dedication of the planned Parish Hall. Blueprints were accepted and the building operations began in the spring of 1952.

FOURTH 25 YEARS • 1952-1977

The date of the dedication of the Parish Hall was October 12, 1952, and the building was made available for the 75th Anniversary on October 19, 1952. At the close of the 75th Anniversary, St. Paul's Lutheran Church was in possession of a church plant that was ready to give efficient service in the work of God's Kingdom. God had blessed our labors through His Word beyond our fondest expectations, and to Him alone belong all the praise and adoration. The building project in 1952 added the Parish Hall with church offices, gymnasium and additional space for Sunday School. Ninety school desks costing \$3,100.00 were donated by Alfred Schmidt. The expanded facilities bolstered hopes for a junior high school.



Original 1952 Addition

Rev. S. W. Holstein was installed in 1952 as associate pastor. He became Senior Pastor when Rev. Janke retired from active ministry at the close of 1956. Rev. Holstein reported in March, 1956, that the District had asked for help starting a new mission on the northwest area of Sioux City near the proposed shopping center (Sunset Plaza, later renamed Marketplace). Walter Ducommun of St. Paul's, J.H. Berkett of Redeemer and Dr. A.W. Horst of Concordia were the committee to find a suitable location and secure the option for it. Some time later, Faith Lutheran was born.

Principal Erich Bredehoeft continued to work for the formation of School Association. Congregations wanting to have a Christian education for their children but not wanting to assume the financial expense on their own, joined together with St. Paul's to form the Siouxland Central School in September, 1959, with Erich Bredehoeft as principal. Bethany, Concordia, Faith and Redeemer congregations became members of the association with students also attending from Calvary and Hope. To get the building ready for the consolidated school, it was necessary to build one dividing wall in the area above the Parish Hall. The area was finished into three classrooms, a cloak room and bathrooms in 1959 to help accommodate the enrollment. The school had 197 children enrolled the first year and reached an all time high enrollment of 207 children in 1960.

Rev. Holstein resigned in November, 1960 to accept the administrative position at the Martin Luther Home (now Sunrise Manor). Even though he accepted the position, he remained in the parsonage until March, 1961. During the nine months vacancy, Chaplain W. P. Haak ministered to the needs of the congregation.

Redeemer withdrew from the School Association in 1961.

In the July, 1961, Voters Meeting, after calling 5 times and not obtaining a pastor, it was unanimously decided to call Rev. R. G. Holzhauer from Huntington Woods, Michigan. The call was accepted by Rev. Holzhauer and he was installed September 3, 1961.

For years the white stone top of the bell tower created many problems and in 1963 it was removed.

Rev. Holzhauer resigned from the ministry in February, 1966. After his resignation, Vicar Roessler was moved into the teacherage but the congregation had to furnish it for him. Vicar Roessler worked faithfully at St. Paul's during the vacancy, with Pastor A. Schroeder of Faith Lutheran, until August of 1966, when Pastor Schroeder resigned because of his health.

In 1966, Concordia withdrew from the School Association and Bethany followed shortly thereafter.



Church, Parsonage, Teacherage & 1916 Building

Pastor Resner of First Lutheran, Kingsley, took over the work as St. Paul's vacancy pastor. For nearly

a year St. Paul's called and, after several declined calls, a call was sent to Pastor H. H. Schauland who was serving Cross Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. On November 18, 1966, St. Paul's flew Pastor and Mrs. Schauland here for the 85th Anniversary Banquet of the school. The Lord provided His people with a faithful Minister of the Word in the person of Rev. H. H. Schauland in January, 1967.

Also In 1967, a property committee was established with authorization to purchase the lots east of our present property between 6th and 7th Streets. The lots were purchased for \$30,000.00, giving us almost a complete square block. It was not until August, 1968, however, that demolition of these houses began. After the houses were gone, the ground was used as a playground, with weeds taking over in the summer. It was not until 1976 that some of the area was blacktopped for parking and a fence erected.

Faith remained in the School Association with St. Paul's until it withdrew in 1969, so, in September, 1969, the school again became known as St. Paul's Lutheran School, and St. Paul's Lutheran Church resumed sole responsibility for the continued operations of the school. The 1969 school term began with 97 students enrolled.

In 1971, at the suggestion of the State Department of Education, an educational resource center was converted from a former storage room on the school's upper floor. The ceiling was lowered and walls were rebuilt to meet inspection and fire standards. Many hours of volunteer help were used in sanding, painting, varnishing and carpeting the room. The project was completed in March, 1972, with a total cost of over \$3,000.00, all of which was contributed by interested persons and businesses.

The 95th Anniversary in 1972 marked the dedication of the gallery pipe organ. It was used for the first time in Sunday services on June 4, 1972.

A pre-kindergarten program was added in 1973. It was, and still is, self-supporting through tuition. An educational resource center including a library was remodeled from a storage room. Much of the work and cost was donated by members of the Parent-Teacher League and the church.

Saturday evening services began on November 3, 1973.

1976 saw the dedication of new offices and classrooms on the second floor, air conditioning for the offices and parish hall, enlargement of the kitchen, a new entrance to the back of the gym, new storage rooms, a school lunchroom, new surfaced parking lot and fenced in playground at an estimated cost of \$200,000.00. In the same year, an evangelism program was started by Pastor Schauland.

St. Paul's was still mission minded in 1976 and helped canvass in Sergeant Bluff to get a new mission started. The name of the new church was Shepherd of Peace.

FIFTH 25 YEARS • 1977-2002

In 1978, Pastor Schauland accepted a call to Lemars, Iowa.

Rev. Daniel Johnson was installed on February 25, 1979 and served as pastor until 1982.

Rev. Phil Wagner accepted our call and became our pastor in 1982.

In 1984, Rev. David Daumer accepted the call to St. Paul's to be our Associate Pastor.

In 1986, Pastor Wagner accepted a call to Golden Valley, Minnesota.

Rev. Douglas Young accepted our call as Head Pastor in 1988.

Pastor Daumer accepted a call to Faith Lutheran in Orange City, Iowa in 1989.

Beginning in the 1980's active measures were taken to remove existing asbestos where possible to meet the E.P.A. standards regarding that material. Lonnie Stuhr volunteered to be the administrator of the task and by the early 1990's all of the standards were met, much earlier than other Sioux City schools facing similar situations. Although compliance was complete, many years will pass before all of the material is totally removed.

During Pastor Young's ministry at St. Paul's, the area between the Altar and the pews was extended and enlarged. The original communion rails would allow about four people on each side, right and left. With the enlarged area and new, longer communion rails, 8-10 people could receive Communion on each side. One of the reasons was to allow families to receive Communion at the same time. Another change recommended by Pastor Young at this time was to reverse our approach to the Altar. During Communion, members left their pew on the side aisle, walked up to the rail, received Communion, then returned to their pew down the center aisle. Pastor Young loved our beautiful Altar and reversed the approach so that one left the pew via the center aisle and could look upon the Altar and contemplate the Cross on the way to Communion, then return to their pew via the side aisle after receiving Communion.

Rev. David Constein served as Associate Pastor beginning in 1989. In 1991, he accepted a call to Faith Lutheran in Westchester, Illinois.

Rev. George Zehnder accepted the call as Associate Pastor to St. Paul's in 1992.

In 1993, Pastor Young developed terminal cancer and wanted to move to Indiana so that his wife, Kathy, could be near her hometown and family. After arranging the move and getting things settled, he preached his final sermon on May 22, 1994. Pastor Young died in Ft. Wayne, Indiana, on June 24, 1994.

Calls for another pastor began and, after many were declined, a call was accepted by Rev. Leo Kostizen to be Head Pastor. His installation was May 6, 1996.

Pastor Young was the last pastor to live on our property, in the teacherage. Subsequent pastors chose to take a housing allowance and live elsewhere in the area.

On September 17, 1997, the teacherage house was moved. The house was donated by St. Paul's to Habitat for Humanity. It was moved by Arand Kraayenbrink to a vacant lot at 19th & Jackson which was owned by the Sioux City Catholic Diocese. Quoting an article from the Sioux City Journal, "The Lutherans donated the house. The Catholics donated the lot. And a Calvinist moved it". The parsonage was of such large size and weight that it couldn't be moved and had previously been demolished.

At the November, 1999, Voter's Meeting a proposal was made to determine whether the congregation should: (1) build an extensive addition on the church as a fellowship and classroom area or (2) build a new school at our present location or (3) consider building a new church and school in a new area. Much discussion ensued and the matter was debated heavily over the next two years. The opinion of our consulting architect was that there was not enough room to build a new school at our current location.

At the February 11, 2001, Voter's Meeting, using the knowledge and professional opinion available, a vote of 66-15 was cast in favor of finding a new location and building a new school and then a new church. Eight days later, on February 19, 2001, after an engineer's inspection of the 1916 school building, it was determined to be in an unsafe condition. That same evening about 30 members of various Boards and Committees met in the Parish Hall and decided to close the old building and notify the press of our decision. The school building was emptied of desks and much material that very night and there would be no school the following day. The next day, many people volunteered to empty the school building entirely and three temporary classrooms were set up in the school gym.

L & L Construction was engaged to convert the Parish Hall into three new classrooms. A new stairwell was built which encroached on the gym area so that one set of bleachers had to be removed. On Sunday at noon, once again, over 100 people associated with our church, other churches and the school, volunteered and moved all of the temporary classrooms from the gym into the new classrooms built in the previous days. In seven days, with the loss of only one school day, all classrooms from the old building were operational in new classrooms, the lunchroom was converted into the Kindergarten room and the stage became the library and

computer room.

Urgency to find a new location, for the school in particular, became the main goal of the congregation with the planned demolition of the 1916 building. The former Morningside Country Club was on the market, 54 acres of seemingly prime real estate, so a fund raising effort began with the title "That the Children May Know Jesus". Over \$1,000,000 was pledged and the property was purchased at a cost of \$1.2 million. Planning to build a new school and develop lots to sell for new houses was underway. The lots and school would comprise the new Grace Sub-Division and the existing clubhouse would be sold separately. Proposals, compromises, suggestions, promises and problems came and went in negotiations with the City and other entities.



In June, the 1916 building was demolished and a metal facing was installed on the 1952 building that was exposed after the demolition.



On July 22, 2001, a special church service and picnic was held on the new property, the former Morningside Country Club.

SIXTH PERIOD • 2002-2012

On February 24, 2002, Rev. Zehnder preached his farewell sermon after accepting a call to Chesterfield, Ohio. His wife, Kathy, had been a teacher at our school during their time here.

Also in 2002, a portion of the church basement was converted into a large room and kitchen area to serve as a replacement for the former Parish Hall that had been converted to classrooms.

Pastor Kenny Hsu accepted a call to be our Associate Pastor in August, 2002. Pastor Kenny became a U.S. citizen in March, 2005.

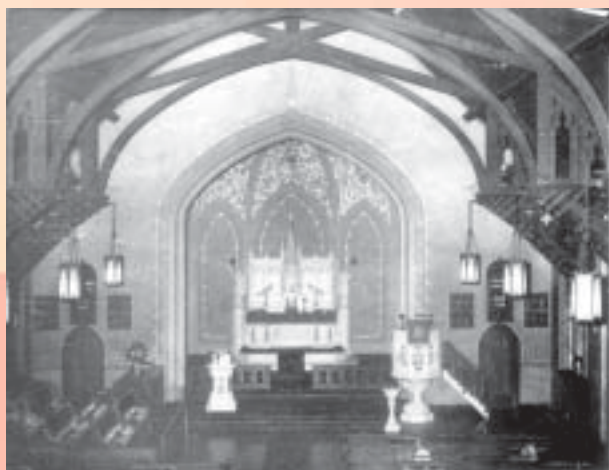
Although all of the platted lots had been sold, the Grace Sub-Division Development project was beset by many obstacles during the years since its inception and eventually the project was deemed unfeasible by the congregation. The remainder of the property was sold in 2007. The project was a costly experience in time, effort, money and members but also a lesson in dealing with man's sinful nature and God's abundant grace.

On August 26, 2007, a program followed by a reception was held for the retirement of Lonnie Stuhr, Principal of St. Paul's Lutheran School. Lonnie had served in full time Christian education for 42 years, all of them at St. Paul's.

In the Fall of 2009, Pastor Kostizen retired from the ministry and moved to Indiana. After much deliberation and discussion, the Voter's Assembly recommended that we make Pastor Kenny our sole pastor, the position he still serves at this time.

In 2011, the decision was made to discontinue 6th grade and expand Kindergarten to all day, every day. The change went into effect for the 2011-2012 school year.

We continue to maintain and improve our property as needed and to the best of our ability. Thus far in 2012 improvements include: resurfaced both parking lots, installed a screen and projector in the Sanctuary, installed a digital sign at 6th & Jennings, remodeled both the restroom and cry room in church, remodeled the restroom near the church office, replaced the old noisy light fixtures in the gym with quiet efficient fluorescent fixtures, removed the asbestos tile from the gym, kitchen and adjoining areas and installed new tile.



1952

2007



Over the past 135 years, St. Paul's Lutheran Church has weathered wars, epidemics, dissensions within and without the church, economic upheavals, and incredible social and technological changes that may seem overwhelming. But we are still here, preaching the Gospel of our Risen Savior, Jesus Christ. However, it is not by our own might or power, talent or resources that we have remained, although we have been richly blessed by God with these things. Zechariah 4:6: Then he said to me, "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the LORD of hosts."

We have a beautiful church building; yet, St. Paul's Lutheran Church is not comprised of brick and stone but of sinners that are declared saints by the shed blood of Jesus Christ. We, as a congregation of believers, comprise St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Let us then continue to go boldly forth, proclaiming God's grace, mercy and love to a world in need.

Our Pipe Organ



The organ was originally built by John Brown of Wilmington, Delaware, in 1903. At that time it was built for the Augustana Lutheran Church of Omaha, Nebraska. In 1933, the Lutherans moved and sold the building to Glad Tidings Assembly of God who used the organ until 1969. The church was again sold and scheduled to be razed in January of 1970.

Mr. Rodney Degner, Mankato, Minnesota, rescued the organ and shortly thereafter offered it to St. Paul's Lutheran for \$15,000.00, rebuilt and enlarged. It took him about three years to complete and was rebuilt by him with nearly no help. The original organ was located in the front of the church. To prepare for the installation of the new organ, the balcony had to be extensively remodeled and reinforced. The rear window had to be insulated and covered. New lighting was required. An iron railing was added to the existing railing. The entire edifice was humidified to preserve the wooden pipes and keep the organ in better tune. It is totally exposed with all the pipes fully in the open. The organ consists of 42 ranks of pipes, the longest 16 feet in length. Eighteen ranks of pipes were new from Germany as was a silent air blower. The copper trumpet rank of pipes above the keyboard was given as a memorial to Kenneth G. Boozikee. The new replacement value of the organ was around \$80,000.00 (in 1972) and gave St. Paul's Sioux City's largest church organ.



A picture from about 1952 shows the congregation, the choir area to the right of the photo and the original balcony.

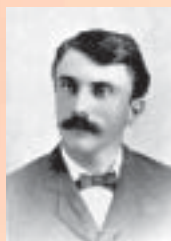
History of Our Pastors



Rev. Eisenbeiss
1877 - 1882



Rev. Runge
1882 - 1889



Rev. Trinklein
1889 - 1893



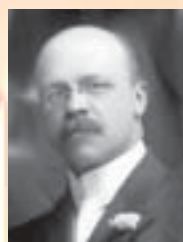
Rev. Noack
1894 - 1899



Rev. Amstein
1899 - 1904



Rev. Stephan
1904 - 1910



Rev. Mathaidess
1910 - 1933



Rev. Janke
1934 - 1956



Rev. Holstein
1952 - 1960



Rev. Holzhauser
1961 - 1966



Rev. Schauand
1967 - 1978



Rev. Johnson
1979 - 1982



Rev. Wagner
1982 - 1986



Rev. Daumer
1984 - 1989



Rev. Young
1988 - 1994



Rev. Constein
1989 - 1991



Rev. Zehnder
1992 - 2001



Rev. Kostizen
1996 - 2009



Rev. Hsu
2002 - present

Assistants to our Ministry

1934	Candidate H. Berner
1936-1937	Candidate E. Green
1938	Candidate R. Nagler
1951-1952	Student L. Warnecke
1952	Rev. Walter A Resner
1957	Deaconess Della Kuntz
1958 - 1959	Vicar Alfred Bertke
1959 - 1960	Vicar Harvey Schaffer
1960 - 1963	Deaconess Cheryl Hoffman
1963 - 1964	Vicar Paul Hartman
1964 - 1965	Vicar Earl Schmidt
1965 - 1966	Vicar August Roessler
1966 - 1968	Vicar James Foley
1968 - 1969	Vicar Don Kirsch
1969 - 1970	Vicar Dennis Drews
1970 - 1971	Vicar Gary Schmidtke
1971 - 1972	Vicar Norman Dierking
1972 - 1973	Vicar Rick Green
1973 - 1974	Rev. Wallace Schultz
1974 - 1975	Vicar Martin Stahl
1975 - 1976	Vicar Robert Gasser
1976 - 1977	Vicar Gerald Wert

St. Paul's in Mission - "Go and Tell"

A mission committee was set up in 1996 to carry out the mission work of the congregation. This committee selects the missionaries that the congregation will sponsor each year, working together with Gary Thies, LCMS Mission Development Counselor of Mission Central in Mapleton, Iowa.

Funding for the committee is from 1% of the Church's offerings, individual gifts and special fundraisers. This funding allows the committee to carry out special projects.

Delano and Linda Meyer were our sponsored missionaries in Africa for most of the years until their retirement in 2011. We also sponsored Steve and Julie Lutz as medical missionaries in Paupa, New Guinea. Steve passed away in 2010 from a brain tumor but we continue to sponsor Julie who continues her work there.

In 2012, besides Julie Lutz, we are sponsoring Rev. Shauen and Krista Trump serving in Kenya and Tanzania, Africa. Also, we sponsor Rev. Tim and Lisa Beckendorf, Bible translators in Botswana, Africa. Locally we sponsor Rev. Henry and Ruthie Witte, Hispanic missionaries in the Sioux City area, and Rev. Steve Benson, Siouxland Chaplain to area hospitals and nursing homes.

Our missionaries visit St. Paul's and Mission Central to update us on their work. We ask our members to welcome and encourage these missionaries when they visit us.

St. Paul's has been blessed to serve the Lord in the work of His harvest by supporting these missionaries of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Please continue to pray for these servants of the Lord.

Word and Water



“How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in Him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.”
(Romans 10:14-17 ESV)

Because God's Holy Spirit works through the words recorded in the Bible, we say that the Word of God not only informs but it also performs - it does things. Certainly it informs us because it is a record of God's great and merciful acts to His people in the past. However, the Holy Spirit also uses the Word of God to perform certain works and actions. We call this the “performative function” of God's Word. Whenever the Word is spoken, the Spirit is there as well to do the performative functions.

Lutherans teach that the Word of God is divided into two doctrines of Law and Gospel. The Law tells us that we have sinned and that our sin means a penalty must be paid. The Gospel tells us that Jesus paid the penalty for our sin when he died in our place on the cross. (from Lutheranism 101, CPH)

Baptism works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare. (from Luther's Small Catechism)

Holy Baptism is a sacrament because Christ established it and invited us to do it and because it delivers the forgiveness of sins He won on the cross. Jesus suffered, died, and rose again in order to save people from the eternal death brought about by sin. Through His saving actions, Christ purchased and won salvation for all. Baptism delivers and bestows the benefits of Jesus' redemption.
(from Lutheranism 101, CPH)



Bread and Wine

Sacrament is Latin for “sacred rite”. It has been linked to the English word “mystery” because there are definitely things about the Lord’s Supper that while we believe, we can’t understand.

Jesus teaches everything we need to know about the Lord’s Supper in a collection of Bible verses known as the Words of Institution. To institute something is to start or establish it. Therefore, we call these words the Words of Institution because they are the words by which Jesus started and established His Supper. These same words of Jesus are still used by the pastor today to institute the Sacrament whenever it is celebrated.

God makes a grand and glorious promise to us in the Lord’s Supper. Through His pastoral representative, Jesus takes bread and wine, speaks His words of consecration over them, and gives them to us as His body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. In the Lutheran Church, the Words of Institution are recited in the hearing of all communicants so that they know for certain that this bread and wine are the body and blood of Christ. (from *Lutheranism 101*, CPH)

St. Paul’s Lutheran Church celebrates the Lord’s Supper on the 1st and 3rd weekend of each month.



the Means of Grace

The phrase “Word and Sacrament” is Lutheran shorthand for the preaching and teaching of the Word of God, Holy Baptism, and the Lord’s Supper. Through these activities God gives grace in Christ and calls people to faith. We also call Word and Sacrament the Means of Grace, that is, the channels by which God actually delivers to us all the benefits of Christ’s death and resurrection.

It is through regularly receiving these gifts of God through the Means of Grace that the Lord keeps a Christian in the faith. In the same way that our bodies need to be fed and nourished to remain strong in the faith, the Lord feeds and nourishes Christians in the faith through the Means of Grace delivered in the Church by pastors. (from *Lutheranism 101*, CPH)



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Sunday Morning
1st Service
8:15 am



Sunday Morning
2nd Service
10:45 am

Hand of Fellowship

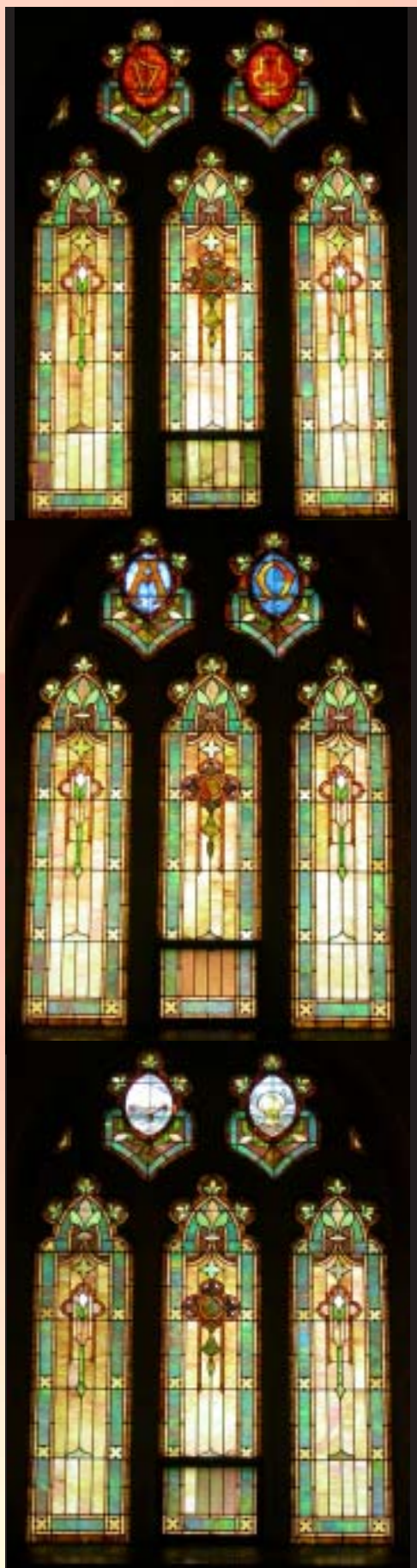


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St. Paul's Lutheran School is owned and operated by St. Paul's Lutheran Church as a part of its educational program for the Christian training of its children. Because it is convinced of the values of Christian Education and training, the church does not limit attendance at the school to its own members, but makes the opportunity available to others interested in a Christian education for their children. While the school is operated by the church, the affairs of the school are directed by the St. Paul's Lutheran Board of Education.

It is the aim of the school to help the children develop physically and mentally as well as spiritually. To this end, the school offers a complete secular and religious education based on the Bible. The school aims to meet the curricular requirements of the elementary school as well as offer opportunities for training in Christian living.

Letter from Alyce Strong

I am truly blessed to be at St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School. God brought me to Siouxland when I married my husband, Steve in 1981. At that time there wasn't an opening at St. Paul's Lutheran School, so I taught at a small country school by Willis, Nebraska until 1984.

I was called to St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School in the fall of 1984 to teach First Grade. I taught First Grade for 25 years. Many changes happened during that time, including the tearing down of the old building in 2001. We received a call on a February night to come and clean our rooms out and take everything to the gym. Four classrooms were moved to the gym. We had class in the gym for about a week while they constructed rooms out of the parish hall and lunchroom. The students were very versatile and made the moves with very little complaining. They even learned a little.

In the fall of 2007, Lon Stuhr went part-time. I was asked to act as assistant principal while they searched for a new principal. In 2009, the congregation asked me to take classes to receive my administrative degree. I received a temporary administrator's license while I took classes. In 2011, with God's help, I received my Masters in Administration and was called to be St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School's principal.

It is with much appreciation and thanksgiving that I am here. I am truly blessed to be part of the ministry at St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School. I pray God blesses our time together as we work to further His kingdom. I pray you are encouraged as we celebrate the 135th year of ministry here.

Letter from Lonnie Stuhr

My wife Carolyn and I came to Siouxland Central Lutheran School in Sioux City, Iowa in 1965 after graduation from Concordia Seward. In the fall of 1966 the principal accepted a call and I was called to serve as principal and teacher. In 1969 the Association was dissolved and Carolyn and I were called to St. Paul's Lutheran School to serve as teacher and principal/teacher.

A pre-school was added in the early 1970's. In 1976, a new church office, a new classroom, lunchroom, and enlarged kitchen were added to the existing building. Shortly after this the upstairs library was remodeled. In 2001, the original school building was torn down and the classes moved into the converted parish hall and the lunchroom.

I retired in 2007 but I am continuing to serve St. Paul's Church and School as a fund raiser and financial development consultant.

I have experienced the privilege of working with many pastors, teachers, students, and fellow members of Christ's kingdom. It has been a joy helping to prepare them to serve Him in this world and in heaven.

The many pastors, teachers, DCE's, and laymen who started their education at St. Paul's Lutheran School are a blessing to the people of St. Paul's and the kingdom at large.

Confirmation



Class of 1904



Class of 2012

St. Paul's Lutheran Church confirmation class is a Christ-centered period of instruction designed for 6th, 7th and 8th grade students. The lessons are broken into different segments from Luther's Catechism; the Ten Commandments, the Apostles' Creed, the Lord's Prayer, Holy Baptism, Office of the Keys and Confession, and Holy Communion.

Boards & Groups

“Serve the LORD with gladness.” Psalm 100:2

The good works we do are a great benefit to our family, friends, neighbors and all the people with whom we share God's good earth. God does not need our good works. He is the cause of our salvation; we have absolutely nothing to do with it. Yet, good works have their right place in human life. Good works are the fruit of faith. “For if it is a good work, God has done it through me and in me” - Martin Luther. One of the fruits we produce is our service on active boards, circles, and committees as well as other opportunities that arise to serve Him, ministering to the needs of each other and neighbors both near and far.

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Sundays



Worship
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Bible Studies



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Sunday
School



St. Paul's Sunday School is managed by the Children's Ministry group. This group is made up of individuals that love and care for the spiritual needs of our children. This group is not exclusive and continues to invite and encourage everyone in the congregation to join in teaching the children about Jesus. The Children's Ministry includes Vacation Bible School, a summer program, a Fall Festival and a Christmas program.

Young and Old Serving the Lord with Gladness





10 years with Pastor Kenny

Pastor Kenny came to St. Paul's Lutheran 10 years ago, in August, 2002. Aside from being our first pastor of Asian heritage, his ministry has included other firsts for him and for the congregation.

In 2005, Pastor Hsu became a United States citizen.

In June, 2008, he and Andrea were united in marriage during a Sunday worship service.



Pastor Kenny Hsu - became U.S. citizen March 11-05

Pastor Kenny has faced many challenges, as most pastors do, but has been a great blessing to St. Paul's and has remained steadfast in his mission to preach the Gospel in his ministry at St. Paul's.



from the Sioux City Journal



Pastor & Andrea Hsu

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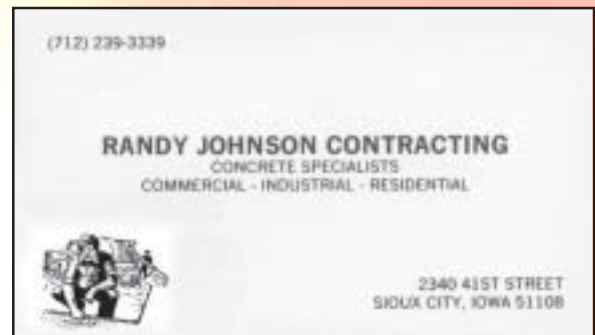


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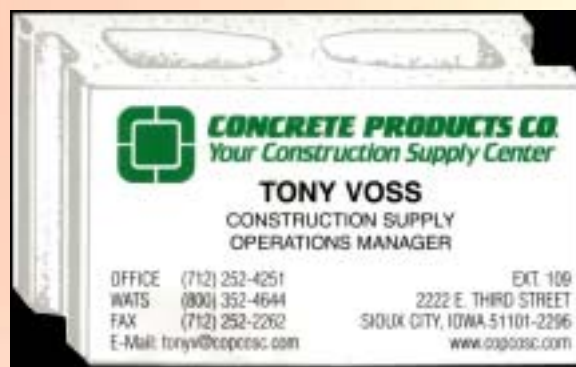
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