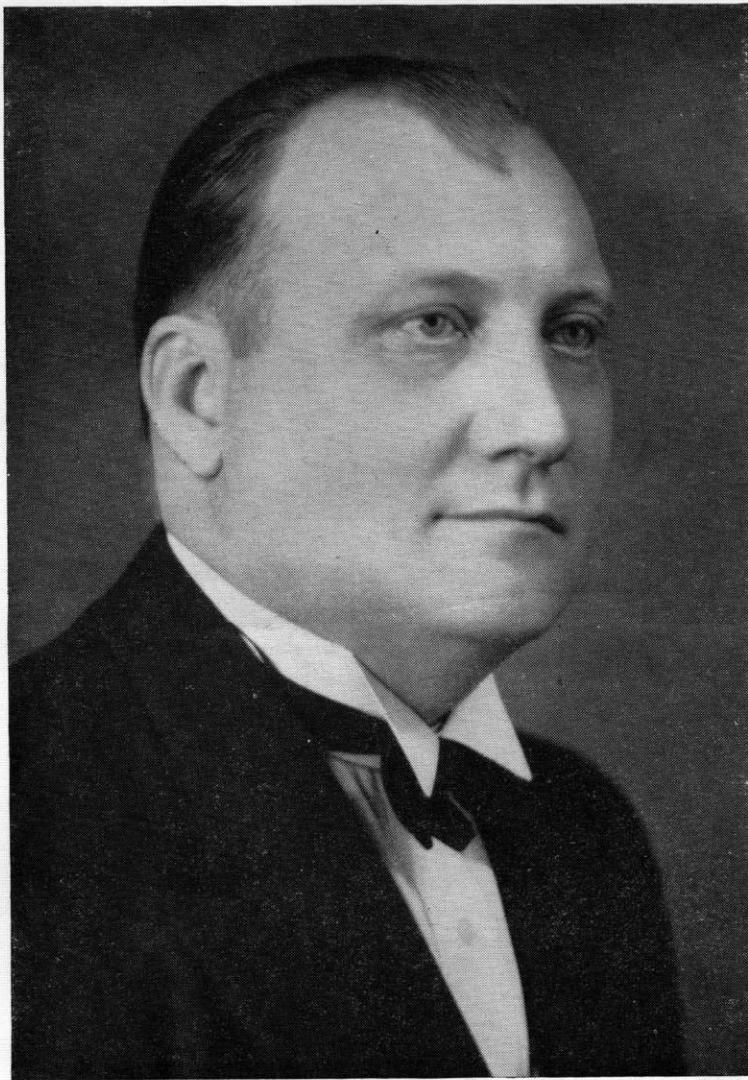


100 YEARS
WITH ST. PAUL'S
1840 - 1940



EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN
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THE REVEREND H. B. ROEPE

In an age that more and more makes of the Christian Church a purely human institution, serving purely human ends, we are deeply grateful for the divine revelation of Scripture which gives us a true picture of the cause and need of the Church's existence. In addition to this divinely recorded revelation we are permitted the accrued evidences of the history of the Church general and of our own beloved St. Paul's in particular.

Memories of past experiences are sacred to a Christian, since they bear testimony of God's abundant grace and loving kindness. This continuing and constant care of the Lord for our dear St. Paul's, evidenced by those experiences which we especially remember in this 100th Anniversary year, is in itself a proof of the fact that the Church is His and a warrant for blessings from Him in the future.

May we in that spirit celebrate this Jubilee and not with vain boasting and self-glorification. May a retrospect of the path St. Paul's has travelled show us above all how marvelously the Lord has directed and led us. And then may such meditation lead us to a trustful, willing service to Him in the path that stretches ahead to the distant horizon of tomorrow.

"I remember the days of old; I meditate on all thy works."—Psalm 143, 5.



THE REVEREND G. J. WEGENER

On this happy occasion my thoughts, first of all, go out to the many precious souls with whom God placed me in contact during more than half a century.

Hundreds to whom I ministered in life and death, together with other hundreds served by my predecessors, lie asleep in St. Vincent de Paul's or other cemeteries. Let us keep them in loving remembrance, looking forward to our blessed reunion with them in the heavenly mansions!

To those who, with me, have lived to participate in this year's celebration, I extend most hearty greetings. Let us all, in one great chorus, sing praises unto the Lord who has so wonderfully blessed us and kept us in the full enjoyment of all the treasures of His grace! And then, trusting in our Savior's never failing promises, let us, one and all, renew unto Him our vows of faithfulness and ready service!

And now for the many precious souls who have lost faith in Jesus and no longer walk with Him in His holy Church. O, my dear friends, hear me: Jesus still loves you, is still ready to forgive, still waiting for your return! And your old pastor, perhaps for the last time, joins the Savior in His ardent plea: Come back, O come back ere the day of salvation be past!

CHURCH HISTORY



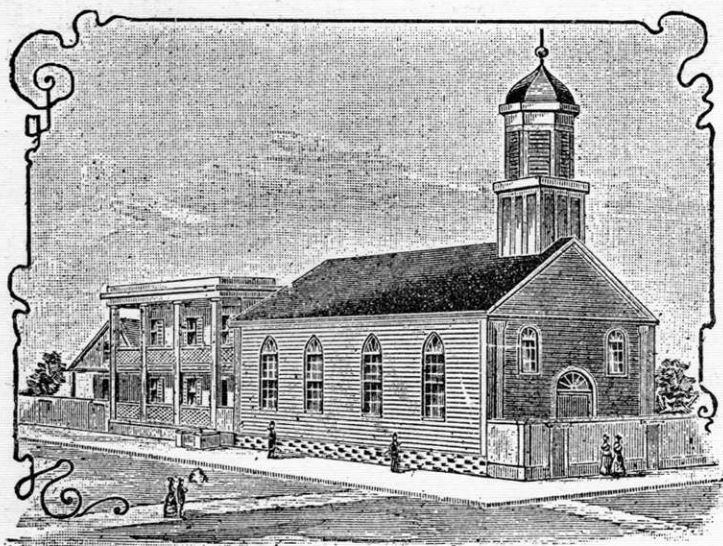
NOTE: These historical remarks are brief reminders of certain eras in our congregational history. Since a very complete history, from the competent pen of Pastor G. J. Wegener, issued in 1930, is still available in most homes of St. Paul's, no attempt has been made here at presenting a full history of St. Paul's.



THE FIRST TWENTY-FIVE YEARS

When a group, summoned by the Rev. C. Sans, held a service in an engine house on what is now Chartres Street on August 2, 1840, the first step toward the formation of what was later to become the Evangelical Lutheran St. Paul's Congregation had been made. Continuation of services at this location and later in a private dwelling on the same street near Port, finally culminated in the organization of a congregation and, three years later, the acquisition of the property on which our present church stands. During the years immediately following its beginnings, old St. Paul's had difficult days because of internal strife and dissension, which may, in quite a measure, be

attributed to the rather loose organization of the congregation and the fact that no real doctrinal basis for such an organization existed. The very names used by the congregation in these early years indicate this: "German Evangelical," "German Protestant," "German Orthodox Evangelical Congregation of New Orleans and Lafayette," "The German Evangelical Orthodox Church of

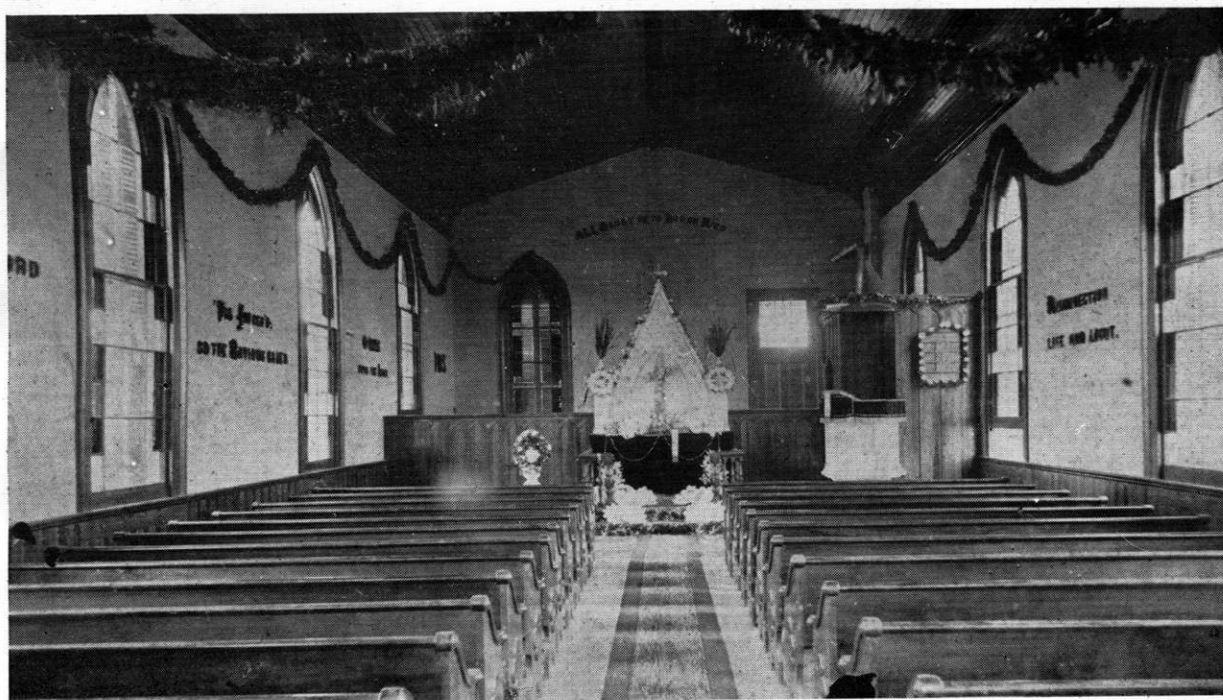


THE FIRST CHURCH BUILDING, ERECTED IN 1843. DESTROYED BY FIRE IN APRIL, 1860. WITH SCHOOL AND PARSONAGE

New Orleans, Louisiana." As will be noted, these names are never distinctive enough to give an indication as to what the doctrine and practice of the congregation might be.

Despite these and other obstacles the congregation, due to heavy immigrations from Germany, grew rapidly in numbers. In the ninth year of St. Paul's existence the Pastor of the church baptized 185 children and solemnized 97 marriages.

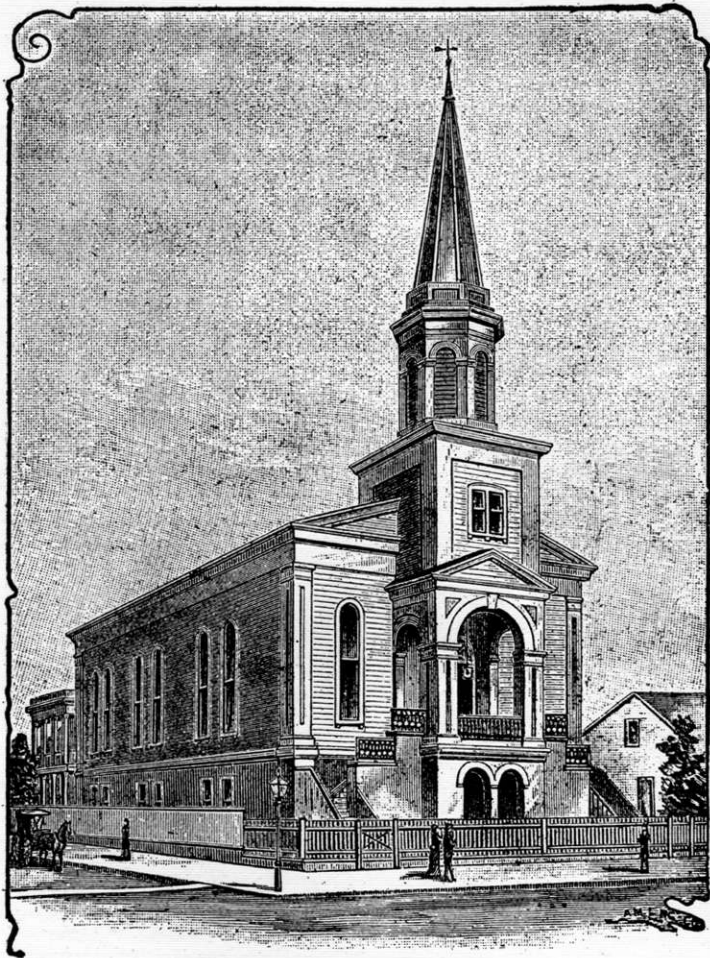
After almost fifteen years of congregational life, with no less than six different pastors serving the congregation, a decided change in the congre-



INTERIOR OF FIRST CHURCH

gation's stand and practice was begun by the sainted Pastor Moedinger. Under his guidance, the congregation adopted not only a new name, "The First Evangelical Lutheran Church of New Orleans, Louisiana," but, as that name indicates, also a real confessional stand, stating in its constitution that it will adhere "to all the symbolical books of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, as the form and norm drawn from God's Word, according to which, since they have been taken from the Word of God, not only the doctrines taught in our church shall be proven and taught, but all eventual doctrinal and religious differences shall be judged and regulated." In view of the lax,

unionistic tendencies and practices of the preceding years, such a stand naturally brought with it a great deal of dissatisfaction on the part of those who would still have had such laxity and indifference to doctrine continue.



THE SECOND CHURCH BUILDING, DEDICATED
DECEMBER, 1860, WAS DESTROYED BY
FIRE DECEMBER 5, 1889

Despite this, we know that the set-back in numerical growth, occasioned by this dissatisfaction, was very soon overcome by the blessings of God which rested on the enthusiastic and devoted work of Pastor Moedinger. (Note: It is frequently a pleasure for the writer to hear the aged members of our congregation speak with the highest regard for Pastor Moedinger and his "strictness" in matters doctrinal.)

The adoption of the new constitution and name still fall into the first quarter century of our congregation's existence. Making them truly, in doctrine and practice,

a part of the congregation's life was not a matter of a moment's work, but was to a very great extent the work for the next twenty-five years of Pastor Moedinger. And if truth be told, has been since that time, and is to some extent today, the work of the Pastors of the church.

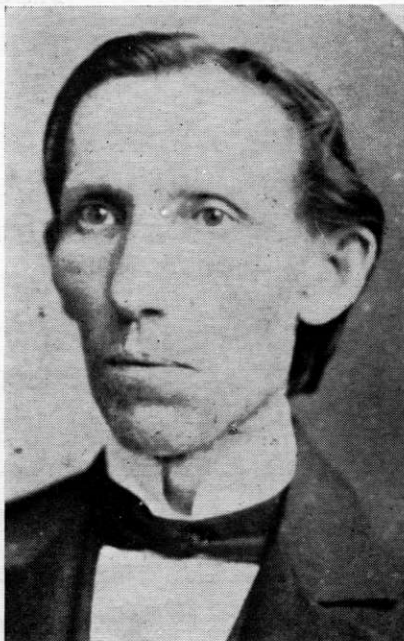
During the closing years of this first twenty-five year period, St. Paul's became a member, for the first time, of a larger group of Lutheran churches, joining the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Texas in 1860. Into this period also fell the War Between the States, so disastrous to much in the South. By God's grace, even this bitter period was a season of internal and numerical growth for St. Paul's.

Thus in the first twenty-five years of St. Paul's life we see the guiding hand of God, not only in its material and numerical growth, but especially in the spiritual strength which was, toward the end of that first quarter century, imparted to her.

THE SECOND QUARTER CENTURY

After the rather unsettled conditions of the first few decades, a period of peace and development came to St. Paul's, which, by the grace of our heavenly Father, has been maintained to the present day. Hardly had the War Between the States come to an end (1866) when our congregation organized the "Orphan Asylum Association of the First German Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of the Third District, New Orleans, Louisiana." This was the beginning of what later, 1881, jointly with St. John's and Zion congregations, became the "Evangelical Lutheran Bethlehem Orphan Asylum Association of New Orleans, Louisiana."

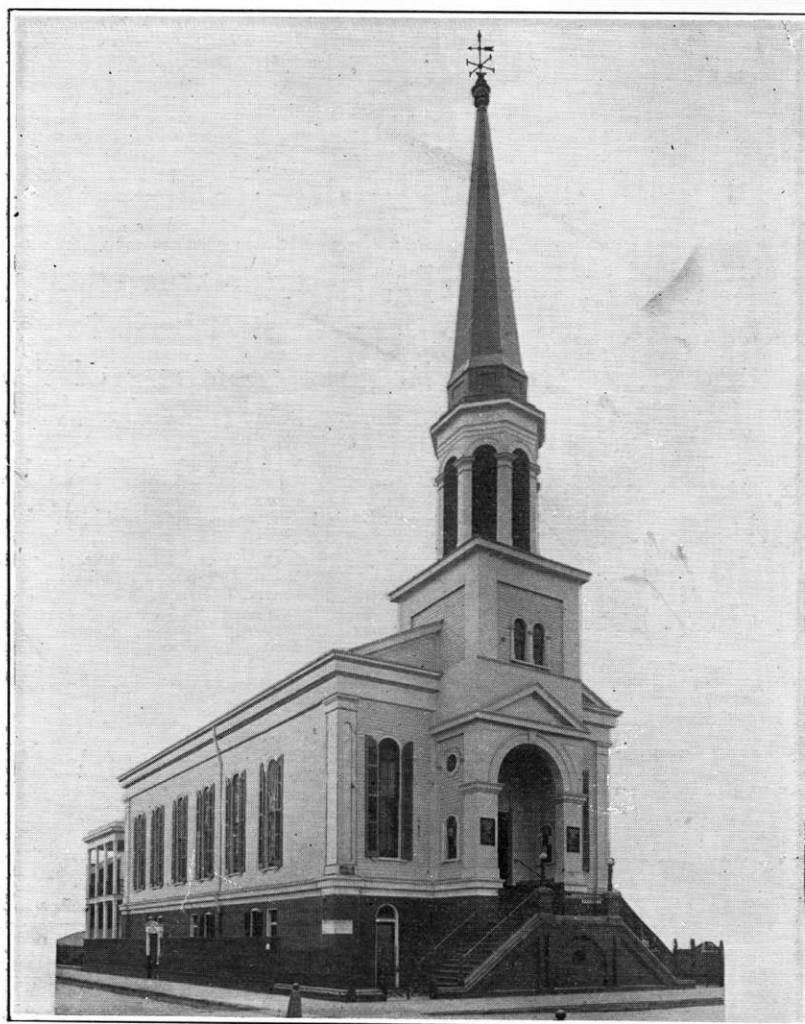
Being truly Lutheran in character and practice, Pastor Moedinger and his congregation, for reasons of conscience, were forced to withdraw from the Texas Synod, and so for a number of years St. Paul's again was without Synodical affiliation. But in 1874 both Pastor and congregation became members of the Missouri Synod and have been in constant membership therewith ever since. In 1882 congregation and its Pastor were active in the formation of the present Southern District of our Synod.



THE REVEREND C. G. MOEDINGER

Writers of romance and history have made much of the early history of our state and city. Through many of these days St. Paul's has pursued its course as a daughter of Zion, being touched by the experiences of others, as in the yellow fever epidemics, post-war depressions and other physical and economic ills and blessings. But through it all,

after its early, doctrinally unstable beginnings, it has been and remained joyfully and faithfully a member of the Lutheran Church. This is due in a great measure, next to the blessing of the heavenly Father, to the work of two men. The first of these, Pastor Moedinger, as has been stated, began that work. But his was to be a period of activity that was cut short by a rather early death. In the midst of a period of change, brought about primarily by the fact that the use of the German language was becoming more and more inconvenient and inexpedient, God visited His faithful servant with bodily ills to an extent that made his continuance of his pastoral duties well nigh impossible. And so the congregation called the Rev. G. J. Wegener to bear the brunt of the work. Pastor Wegener accepted the call as Pastor of St. Paul's in 1887 and has been with the congregation ever since. Three years later, 1890, at the age of 59, God called Pastor Moedinger to the eternal reward.



THE APPEARANCE OF OUR PRESENT CHURCH BUILDING. AS IT WAS WHEN DEDICATED SEPTEMBER 15, 1889. ITS PRESENT APPEARANCE IS THE RESULT OF REMODELLING AND RENOVATION IN 1915 AND 1926

THE THIRD QUARTER CENTURY

Changing conditions due to the language question were mentioned before. These not only caused the organization of a daughter congregation, First English, in 1888, but also brought about many changes during the early pastorate of Pastor Wegener. In 1893 regular services in the English language were introduced at St. Paul's and ten years later found the word "German" eliminated

from the official name of the congregation and the introduction of catechetical instructions in only the English language. During this period the work of really making St. Paul's a truly, confessionally Lutheran congregation was continued by Pastor Wegener.

At the occasion of the 75th Anniversary observance, 1914-1915, many improvements were made to the church building, including the placing of the Memorial windows. But shortly after the Jubilee services a hurricane of unusual violence partially destroyed the building, blowing down the high steeple. From that day on our church has had practically the same exterior appearance as at present.

Due to the fact that this period saw the organization of a number of new congregations in down-town New Orleans (First English, 1888; Christ Church, 1904; Mt. Calvary, 1910; Redeemer, 1920) to which large groups of St. Paul's communicants were released, the numerical growth of St. Paul's was good, despite the fact that the annual records do not show any great increases. A conservative estimate places the number of those who thus transferred to these congregations at well over 500.

THE PAST TWENTY-FIVE YEARS

Although our congregation began with services in only the German language, and for a long time adhered to this practice, the past twenty-five years not only saw the gradual decline of these services in the German, but finally their complete disappearance. It should be a matter of thanksgiving on the part of our congregation that the experience of so many other congregations, with a like background, was spared St. Paul's. Whereas in many instances great troubles arose because of dissension and factionalism caused by the language question, God gave our congregation the blessing of having this matter adjusted by the gradual, natural process. With the changing times came also changes in the church's administration of its temporal affairs. Published annual reports, a monthly church paper, the introduction of a monthly collection system, the use of first monthly, then weekly envelopes, the inclusion of Synod on the regular budget of the congregation, these and many other matters have added to the consistent inner and outward growth of St. Paul's.

St. Paul's is 100 years old and for over half of that time Pastor Wegener has been associated with it in its weals and woes. It was therefore a

real occasion of joy to the congregation to celebrate with him, in 1937, the Golden Jubilee of his coming to St. Paul's. In 1930 the present writer was called to St. Paul's and since that time he has had the pleasure of working together with Pastor Wegener in the upbuilding of God's Kingdom here.

During the course of the years a considerable number of organizations have sprung up as affiliates of the congregation. Dates and information concerning them will be found in other parts of this book. From its very outset, St. Paul's has had a Day School. Though the history of our school is closely interwoven with the congregation's history, it was deemed wise to treat it as a separate history and the story of our school will be found on succeeding pages.

As we are privileged to read the pages of the old records of the past 100 years, as we see the God-given triumphs of the Old St. Paul's and at times also the man-made defeats, as we see the little flock gathered on old Moreau (Chartres) Street, in the language of their native land praising God, grown to a congregation of many souls praising God in the language of our native land, as we see the moving hand of God as it traced our congregation's history across the pages of a century, surely we cannot but lift up our voices in praise and thanksgiving to the Giver of all Good. But blessings of the past should be to all of us also reminders of the obligations of the present and the future. And to the end that God may bless all of our activities in the days to come, we bespeak your prayerful participation in the celebration of our 100th Anniversary as a congregation and your devout participation always in the work of the Lord at St. Paul's.

H. B. ROEPE.

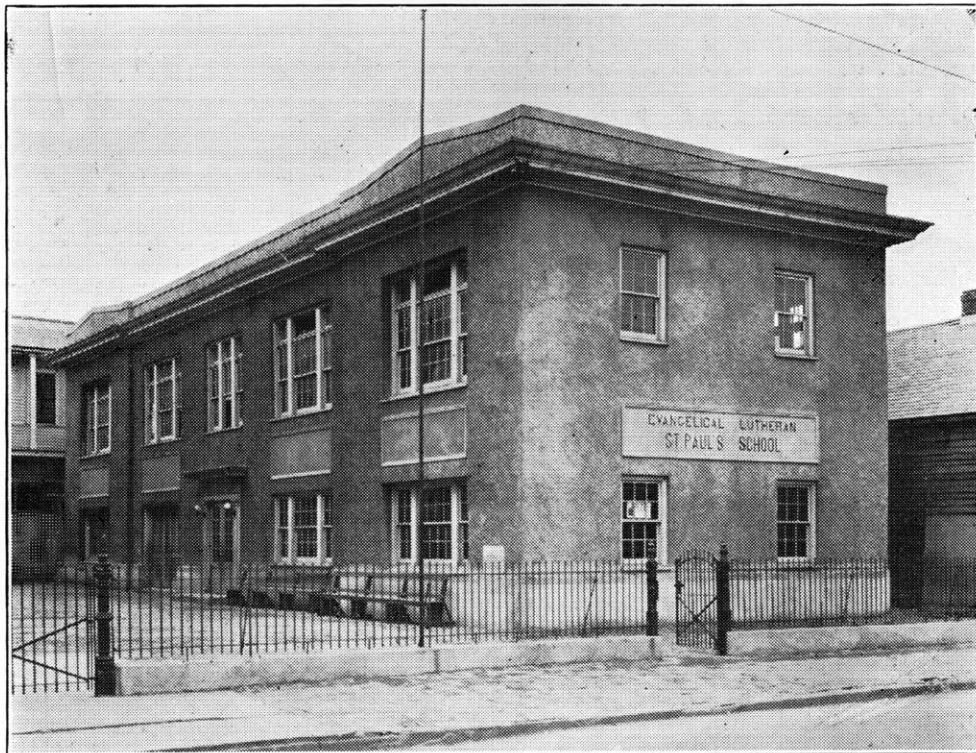
SCHOOL HISTORY

ST. PAUL'S PAROCHIAL SCHOOL—1840-1940

The one hundredth anniversary of any church would include mention of a parochial school maintained by it. Assuredly, St. Paul's 100th anniversary will not omit mention of St. Paul's parochial school, since it is also 100 years old. No sooner had the congregation effected organization than it called its school into being. From that time to the present St. Paul's has considered its school a necessary part of its activity as a Christian congregation.

During the first three decades the congregation found it increasingly difficult to secure capable, efficient, and God-fearing teachers. Better days came when the congregation joined the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States. Now the congregation could secure from our Teachers Seminary men who had fitted themselves for the noble task of instructing children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. The first graduate of that school to be called to St. Paul's was a native of New Orleans. He took up his duties in 1871. Since that time the congregation has availed itself of this privilege as the need arose.

It seems odd in this day and age that the German language was the medium of religious instruction as late as 1900. Instruction in German no doubt attracted some of the pupils to our school during this period. Most parents, however, were convinced that children receiving daily instruction in Christian fundamentals would build a better Church of tomorrow.



ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL, ERECTED 1924



R. W. WISMAR, TEACHER

Yellow fever and smallpox epidemics necessitated the closing of our school for short periods of time. When the church was almost completely destroyed by fire in 1889, the school building, a converted residence, miraculously escaped destruction. The school was not so fortunate in 1860, when it was destroyed by fire. During the "flu" epidemic, our school was again closed for a time, not because so many of our pupils were ill, but because all public gatherings were forbidden.

Our school enjoyed its largest enrollment and exerted its greatest efficiency during the time it had a staff of three, at times even four, male teachers. Although the zeal for Christian education is not as great and fervent as it evidently was in the past, the need for the thorough indoctrination of our children remains. Although many parents real-

ize the truth of this statement, for various reasons not all of them can send their children to our parochial school. A school bus might eliminate many of these reasons.

In 1890 the first lady teacher was employed. Until 1925 the congregation employed ladies as teachers for lower grades. In that year, however, in view of the fact that these teachers remained with the work for only a very limited time, the congregation called a second male teacher. This teacher is still serving the congregation.

In 1913 the tuition for children of St. Paul's parish was abolished. This innovation eliminated the excuse that the parish school was too expensive for families of limited means. However, children from sister congregations are still charged a nominal tuition. In some cases our School Board excused such parents as were unable to pay.

For years the lower grades were housed in a former residence adjoining the church, the higher grades in



E. A. GROTH, TEACHER

the basement of the church. Feeling the need of a modern school building, the writer of these lines repeatedly urged at meetings of our school board the erection of a new structure. Eventually one of the younger members of the school board championed this cause and was promptly rewarded with the chairmanship of the building committee. Considerable enthusiasm was aroused for the project, with the result that on June 29, 1924, a two-story building with three class rooms could be dedicated to the cause of Christian education. The total cost of the building was slightly in excess of \$15,000.



In addition to serving in its intended capacity as the home of our school, this building became of real benefit to many congregational activities. One might even say that it has developed into a parish house, since it is constantly used by committees, classes of catechumens, the various auxiliary bodies of the church, and the Sunday School.

Several years ago the stucco finish on the school had to be removed because it was badly cracked. A new asbestos siding was installed, giving the school a better appearance. Through the efforts of the Mother's Club, the interior of the school was painted this year.

For many years our school had only six grades. The seventh grade was added by request of a sixth grade class several years after the writer came in 1911. With the permission of our School Board, this addition was cheerfully made. In 1921 the full eighth grade course was established. Since the eighth grade has become the first year of the Junior High

School, this grade was dropped several years ago.

A plan to enlist the cooperation of our sister congregations in maintaining a Christian Day School in the Third District has been suggested to our School Board. We mention this to give our members further opportunity to discuss such a plan, since at this writing nothing tangible has been accomplished in this matter.

In checking records we find that our Christian Day School has been a real blessing to our congregation, and the money spent for its maintenance has brought generous returns in the Kingdom of Christ. We call attention to the large number of our day school graduates active in all departments of church work.



In the spring of 1936 the Mother's Club was organized. Though not very large in membership, this group has been extremely active and has taken a lively interest in our school.

We begin the second century of our school with firm confidence, looking for guidance and support to Him who said, "Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not."

In retrospect our hearts swell with joy and thanksgiving to God, who has so manifestly blessed our school for the past one hundred years.

R. W. WISMAR.



THE CHOIR, 1940
ORGANIZED ABOUT FIFTY YEARS AGO, PRESENT MEMBERSHIP 30



THE MOTHERS' CLUB, 1940
ORGANIZED 1936, PRESENT MEMBERSHIP 51

SUNDAY SCHOOL



ST. PAUL'S SUNDAY SCHOOL, 1940, ORGANIZED 1867, PRESENT ENROLLMENT 220

ST. PAUL'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Organized Sunday Schools are a relatively recent development in the Christian Church. It is generally agreed that Sunday Schools as we know them date only from 1780. At St. Paul's, a Sunday School was utilized as one of the very first agencies for the indoctrination of our people, dating its beginning to 1867. In two years our Sunday School will be able to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of its founding.

Next to the grace and blessings of our God, it is due to the fine attitude adopted by our Day School teachers during the past 75 years that the Day School and the Sunday School have been in the past and are today working hand in hand for the maintenance and extension of the Kingdom of God among the lambs of the Great Shepherd.

Our altar, with its beautiful picture of the risen Christ, is to many a member of St. Paul's the symbol of all that St. Paul's is and all it stands for. This altar is a gift of the Sunday School, having been placed in 1905.

With changing world conditions, especially in the home, the future of St. Paul's Sunday School is one which is fraught with great opportunities and the accompanying obligations which great opportunities always bring. May the great Lord of the Church give us a willing gladness to grasp each opportunity and obligation also in our St. Paul's Sunday School.

H. B. ROEPE.

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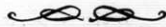
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THE VOTERS ASSEMBLY, 1940, PRESENT MEMBERSHIP 102



THE LADIES' MISSION SOCIETY, 1940, ORGANIZED 1898, PRESENT MEMBERSHIP 190



THE LADIES' AID, 1940, ORGANIZED 1883, PRESENT MEMBERSHIP 155



THE SENIOR WALTHER LEAGUE, 1940

ORGANIZED: YOUNG MEN'S SOCIETY 1888, YOUNG LADIES' SOCIETY 1889, MERGED INTO CONCORDIA SOCIETY 1892, JOINED WALTHER LEAGUE 1918, PRESENT MEMBERSHIP 60



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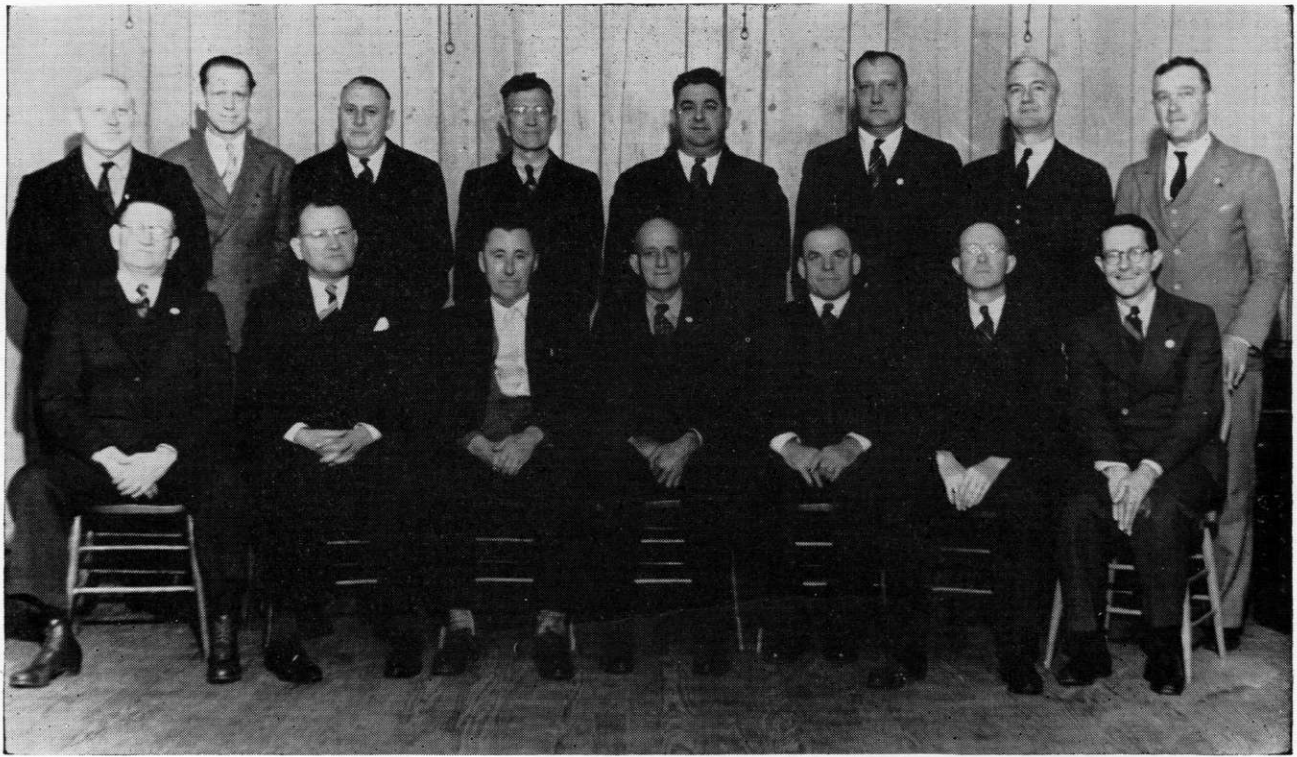
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THE MEN'S CLUB, 1940, ORGANIZED 1929, PRESENT MEMBERSHIP 30



THE ATHLETIC CLUB, 1940, ORGANIZED 1931, PRESENT MEMBERSHIP 15

In Memoriam

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.

Psalm 116, 15.



MAUD (MEYER) AHRENS
1900-1926
By: Husband and Daughters

MRS. A. BROOKS-ANDERSON
1874-1940
By: Elma and Mildred

MARY BARBARA AVERY
Born July 5, 1917
Died November 12, 1927

MR. FREDERICK P. BARTH
1858-1940
By: His Wife and Children

FRANK BAUER
1854-1927
By: His Wife

MATHIAS BAUER
1876-1918
By: Wife and Children

NAOMI MARIE BAUER
1919-1921
By: Parents

MRS. FLORENTINE H. BECKEMEYER
1859-1922
By: Children

MISS LOUISE BERNIGRODT
1858-1940
By: St. Paul's Choir

In Memory of My Parents
MRS. G. J. BENTZ

MRS. JOSEPHINE (NEFF) BIEHLER
1865-1908
By: Husband and Children

LOUIS WILLIAM BIEHLER
1892-1918
By: Father, Sisters and Brothers

In Memory of Our Parents
MR. AND MRS. G. BOHNET
By: Their Children

MR. FREDERICK BRINKMANN
MRS. ELIZABETH BRINKMANN
MISS MAGDALENA BRINKMANN

PHILIP BRINKMANN
Deceased Husband
Rosa Gallus Brinkmann

JOHN JACOB BRODERS
1897-1937
By: Wife and Son

In Memoriam

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.

Psalm 116, 15.

MR. AND MRS. J. JACOB BRODERS
By: Mrs. Catherine and Carl W. Broders

MRS. CHRISTINA ENGELHARDT
1828-1905
By: Her Children

MR. GUSTAVE F. BRODERS
MR. CHARLES W. BRODERS
MR. JOHN J. BRODERS

MISS CATHERINE ERVINE
1867-1935
By: Hoppe Family

MARIE (DAMERMANN) BRUNS
1869-1918
By: Daughter, Mrs. J. M. Stoll, Jr.

JAMES FRINK, JR.
1915-1920
By: His Parents

ESTELLE (REY) CAMNETAR
1906-1936
By: Parents, Son, and Sisters

MR. AND MRS. C. J. FUSCH
AND DECEASED CHILDREN
By: Mary and Emile

SOPHUS F. CHRISTENSEN
1878-1933
By: His Wife

HENRY C. GABRIEL
1866-1938
By: His Wife and Children

JOHN F. CLARK
1896-1939
By: Wife and Son

MR. AND MRS. H. GASSNER
1850-1935 1852-1936
By: Daughter and Grandchildren

In Memory of Our Mother and Father
MR. AND MRS. W. E. CROVETTO

MR. AND MRS. H. GEISSLER
AND DECEASED CHILDREN
By: Their Family

MR. AND MRS. CHARLES DOERRIES
1859-1937 1864-1934
By: Children

MRS. SOPHIE D. GRIFFITH
1855-1935
By: Her Family

MR. AND MRS. J. D. EBERHARDT
JOHN H. EBERHARDT
By: The Family

FREDERICK GYSIN
1866-1935
By: Wife and Daughters

MR. AND MRS. HERMAN EICKE
1858-1919 1864-1918
By: Margaret and Lois May Eicke

MRS. JOHN HAMBURGER
1840-1918
By: Her Son and Daughter

In Memoriam

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.
Psalm 116, 15.

MR. AND MRS. CHRISTIAN HANKEL
THEIR PARENTS AND CHILDREN
By: Hankel and Walsh Families

MRS. ELIZ. KALTENBACH
AND DECEASED DAUGHTER
By: Lillian and Julia

MR. AND MRS. H. P. HASENKAMPF
1863-1913 1863-1931
By: Their Children

In Memory of
DR. O. E. KAUFFMANN
1883-1909

In Memory of Our Parents
MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM HAUB
By: Daughter and Family

MISS CHARLOTTE KEPLER
Born October 3rd, 1858
Died July 24th, 1939

MR. AND MRS. HY. HAUSCHILD
MISS LOUISE HAUSCHILD
MRS. EVA BATEMANN

MR. AND MRS. HENRY LANDWEHR
1847-1904 1847-1928
By: Children

MRS. CATHERINE HUBER
AND DECEASED CHILDREN
By: Katie and Annie

MRS. EMILY LANGKOPP
1865-1933
By: Frederick C. Langkopp

AUGUST J. HUERSTEL
1888-1937
By: Wife, Children and Wilhelmina

MRS. MARY LEBER
LOUIS LEBER
MRS. ELIZ. HOLLERBACH

MILTON J. HELLMERS
1895-1933
By: Wife and Children

MISCHLER, SEIM AND
DUPONT FAMILIES
By: The Dupont Family

MRS. JOHANA HUSTEDT
By: Her Grandchildren
Miss H. Speed and R. Cothmen

HENRY G. MOECKLIN
1866-1938
By: His Wife and Children

FRANCIS J. JOVANOVIH
1920-1934
By: The Jovanovich Family

REV. C. G. MOEDINGER
Pastor at St. Paul's 1855-1890
By: H. B. Roepe

MRS. AUGUST JEBENS
1831-1918
By: Great-Grandchildren

In Memory of
THE NASS FAMILY
By: E. W. Nass

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ARTHUR JOHN NEFF
1890-1918
By: His Wife and Children

SOPHIE (FRANK) RILEY
1876-1938
By: Daughter and Grandchildren

MRS. GUSTAVE NEFF
Nee Margaret Hamburger
By: Her Husband

MR. AND MRS. MICHAEL RIES
MRS. LYDIA WOLHART
By: Irene Bagert

JOHN M. NEFF
1869-1938
By: Wife and Children

WILLIAM ROSCHER
ADOLPH ROSCHER
OTTO ROSCHER

MR. AND MRS. LOUIS NEFF
1870-1925 1872-1937
By: Their Family

MR. AND MRS. JACOB SCHUMACHER
1851-1931 1859-1929
By: Mr. and Mrs. L. Schulingkamp

PHILIP NEFF, SR.
1832-1906
By: Their Children

In Memory of Our Mother
MRS. HENRIETTA J. SCHMALZ
By: Her Daughters

MR. AND MRS. A. PARR
1852-1931 1857-1932
By: Their Children

SOPHIE (RAACKE) SCHMIDT
1865-1932
By: Wilford and Edward

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MR. AND MRS. JOHN PFLUEGER
By: Their Sons and Daughter

In Memory of Our Parents
MR. AND MRS. JOHN SIGRIST
By: Their Children

OTTO CHARLES POTT, SR.
1873-1939
By: Family

MRS. MAGDALENA (FREY) SCHOLL
1848-1938
By: Her Daughters

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By: Their Daughter and Sons

In Memory of Our Parents
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By: Their Sons and Daughters

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By: Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Hoffman

MR. AND MRS. R. W. STAHL
AND DECEASED CHILDREN
By: Daughters

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ANNA (GRUHLER) STOLL
1832-1903
By: Grandson J. M. Stoll, Jr.

MR. GUSTAVE WAELDE
HARRY LEONARD MILLER, JR.
By: Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Miller

JOHN MARTIN STOLL
1832-1902
By: Grandson J. M. Stoll, Jr.

ROBERT H. WALTHER
1878-1927
By: Wife and Children

JOHN MARTIN STOLL, SR.
1862-1935
By: Son, J. M. Stoll, Jr.

In Memory of Our Parents
MR. AND MRS. A. WALZ
By: Their Daughter and Sons

DOROTHY (FEINDEL) STUMPF
1888-1931
By: Her Family

MRS. CAROLINE WAGNER
1884-1939
By: Her Husband and Children

MRS. CATHERINE SUAREZ
AND SON, EDWARD LOUIS
By: Daughters

In Memory of Our Dear Mother
JULIANE C. (VON WITTKE) WEGENER
By: Her Children

MR. AND MRS. G. SUEHRING
1852-1931 1853-1930
By: Family

MRS. ELISE MARIE WILKEN
1884-1936
By: Family

In Memory of
MR. AND MRS. J. F. THOMSON
AND DECEASED CHILDREN

CHARLES WILLEM, SR.
1862-1918
By: Wife and Children

MR. AND MRS. P. D. VIALA
MR. PAUL E. PH. VIALA
By: Family

HARRY T. WITTSCHEN
1914-1938
By: His Mother

In Memory of My Parents
MR. AND MRS. PETER VOGT

In Memory of
OUR DEPARTED MEMBERS
The Ladies' Aid

ACTIVITIES OF OUR 100th ANNIVERSARY YEAR

The observance of an entire Anniversary year is nothing new in the Lord's Church. Even the ancient Israelites were obligated by Mosaic Law to observe every 50th year as a Jubilee year. We, at St. Paul's, are so observing a whole year not by command, but to give ourselves all the more opportunity of remembering God's blessings of the past and a correspondingly greater number of occasions for gratefully praising His love and mercy.

The year was opened by a special Initial Service for the 100th Anniversary year on January 7, 1940. The Pastor of the church preached the sermon. This service was distinguished by the largest attendance at communion for over a quarter of a century. The next, and possibly one of the most appealing of all the anniversary services, was the 100th Anniversary Reunion service. This was held at the Municipal Auditorium on April 21. More than 1,500 persons were in attendance. Pastor Theodore Wegener, a son of St. Paul's, acted as liturgist. Pastor H. B. Roepe preached the sermon. A cause for real joy by everyone was the fact that Pastor G. J. Wegener, for over fifty years in the service of St. Paul's, was able to pronounce the benediction at the close of the service.

As this is being written (late June), preparations are under way for the celebration of three more major anniversary services. On August 4th St. Paul's will observe Founders' Day. This service will be held at the church. Pastor Arthur Meyer of Houston, Texas, will be the speaker for the occasion. On the same day the St. Paul's Historical Exhibit will open. This Exhibit will present, in the School Building, many interesting items from the past history of St. Paul's. The Exhibit will close at the time of the Homecoming Day of our Day School, September 8th. At the Homecoming Day service, we hope to have present hundreds who received their elementary education at St. Paul's School. Pastor Paul Koenig, of St. Louis, Missouri, will be the speaker for the occasion and Pastor Arthur Brunig, another son of St. Paul's, will act as liturgist. A social gathering is to follow both the Founders' Day service

and the School Homecoming Day services. On Thanksgiving Day the last of the major anniversary services will be held at the church. Plans for this service indicate that it will be a truly fitting close for our Anniversary year.

Some time in the Fall of the year we hope to hold an open air service at some suitable place and then spend the rest of the day in a manner that would approximate the famed Southern Park picnics of old. This will, no doubt, be one of the outstanding occasions of the year.

During the sessions of the Southern District Synod, a special service will be held on Thursday, August 22nd, to which all congregations in New Orleans and the delegates and guests of the Convention will be invited.

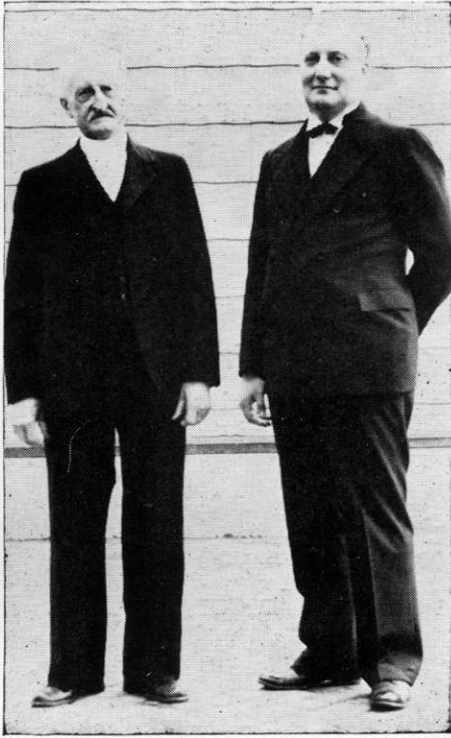
Late in the Fall, a special treat is in store for our members. Moving pictures have been taken throughout the Anniversary year and these will be shown as soon as all have been taken and have been edited. In connection with this, other features of real interest will be presented.

All of the organizations of the Church have participated or will participate in the observance of the Anniversary year in a special way. On May 23rd, the Walther Leagues sponsored a special service, at which Pastor John Riche of First English Church preached, and arranged a Youth Fellowship Banquet after the service. The Men's Club celebrated with a service and fellowship gathering of all the Men's Clubs of the city and the men of our church on June 28th. Pastor R. Lineberger of Zion Church delivered the sermon. On September 22nd the Ladies' Aid will observe the Anniversary with a special service and a fellowship evening for all the Ladies' Aids of the city and the women of our Church. In October the Ladies' Mission Society will present a Mission and Historical Pageant, depicting scenes of interest from our Mission Fields and from the history of our congregation.

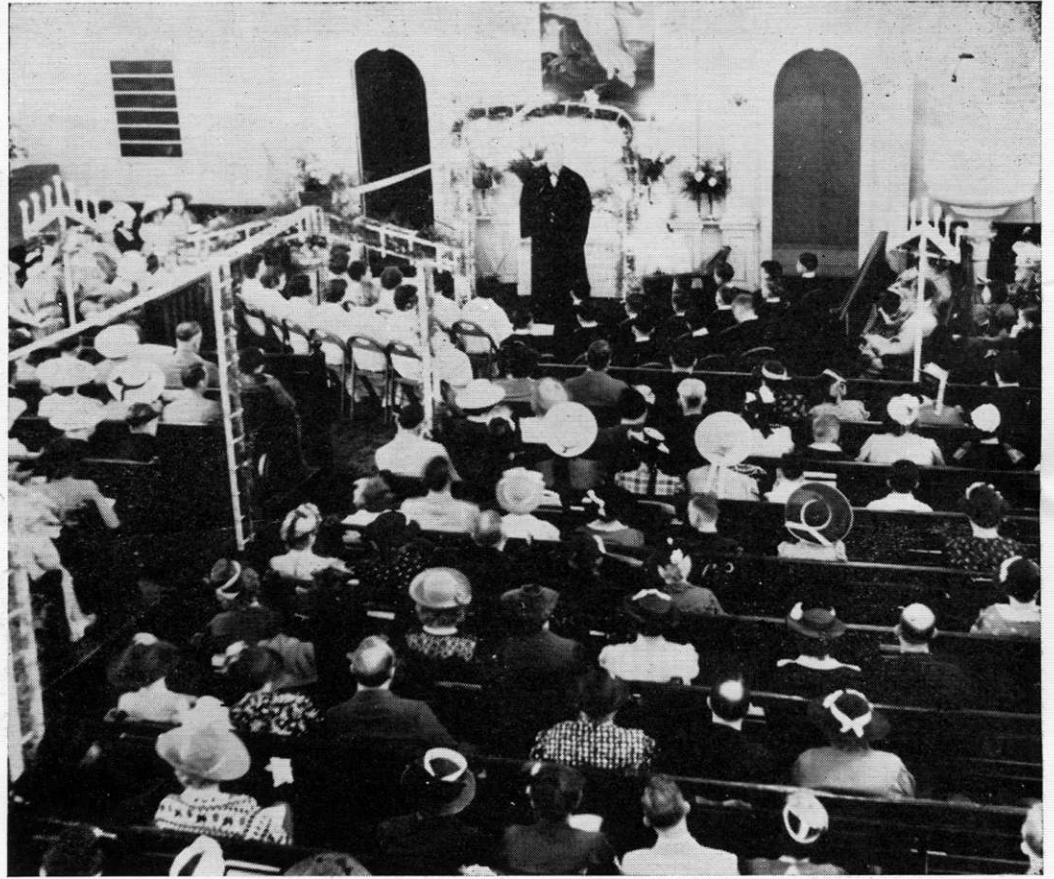
Several other affairs are still being planned and will add to the general air of festivity which has been the atmosphere for St. Paul's in 1940.

Indeed a busy year for St. Paul's. But also, a blessed year. May the activity of this year bear blessed fruit.

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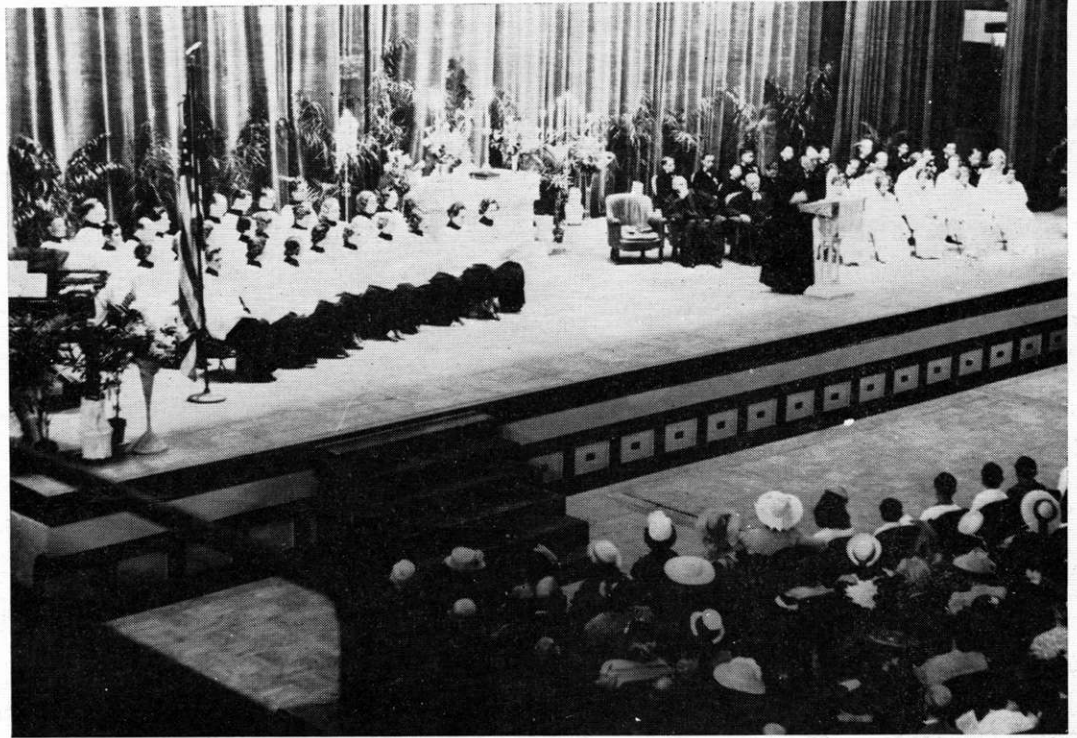
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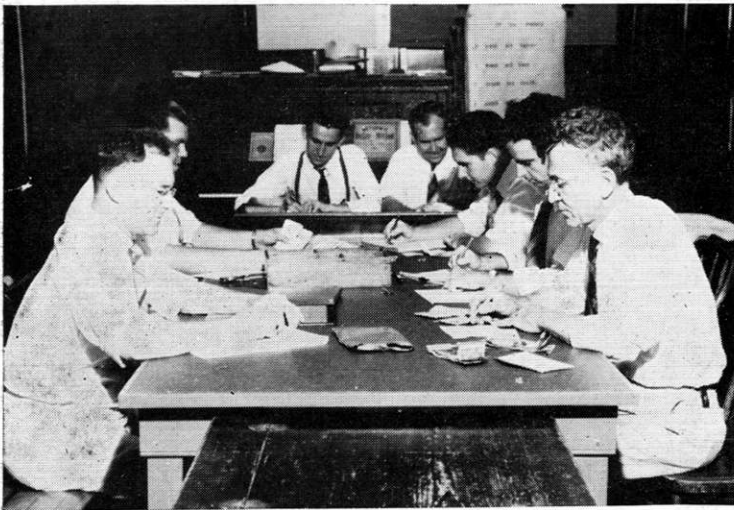
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1. REV. G. J. WEGENER AND REV. H. B. ROEPE
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4. REV. ROEPE CONDUCTING SERVICE
5. 100TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION SERVICE, MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM
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INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT ST. PAUL'S

The first Protestant service in New Orleans was conducted in the courtroom of the Cabildo by an Episcopalian minister in 1805. In that year Dr. Chase gathered about forty-five Protestants and contributions amounting to \$2,275 to organize the first Protestant church and erect the first building for Protestant services. The "Black Code" prohibited all but Roman Catholic services prior to 1803.

The first recorded official act at St. Paul's was a funeral.

The largest confirmation class ever confirmed included 119, in 1875.

Many old members tell of spending 6 hours of a Sunday in church. And now even a communion service of 1½ hours is too long!

We celebrated our 100th Anniversary Reunion Service on the spot occupied by the slave market when our church was organized (Municipal Auditorium).

Of twelve Pastors, who at one time or another served St. Paul's, only one has died while with St. Paul's.

We have been unable to discover a Protestant Elementary Church Day School in the South that is older than St. Paul's School and has been in continuous existence for 100 years.

Pastor Roepe is the first Pastor of St. Paul's not born in Germany.

The front part of the parsonage was built in 1860.

Pastor Moedinger baptized 7,167 children!

The corner stone of our church contains: A short history of the congregation up to 1899, a constitution of the congregation, a list of all officers and voting members of the congregation as then constituted, a hymnal, a catechism and the constitution of the Ladies' Aid, a copy of the constitution of Synod, a report of the General Synod of 1887 and of the Southern District of 1888, a copy of the Lutheran Witness, Lutheraner, Missionstaube, Pioneer and two other church papers, a list of the president of the United States, the governor of Louisiana, the mayor of New Orleans, a number of coins in circulation at the time, and a copy of the New Orleans Times-Democrat, the New Orleans Picayune, the New Orleans German paper, and the Rundschau.

The two-year period of 1860-61 was probably the bitterest of St. Paul's existence. It was faced by a debt on its old building, by the burning of that building, the school and the parsonage, shrunken membership rolls because of internal dissensions that had just been settled, the outbreak of the War Between the States and several city-wide epidemics of yellow-fever!

If Pastor Wegener had not been "historically minded," very little of the old history of St. Paul's would have been preserved.

The first affiliate organization in St. Paul's was an "Orphan Asylum Society," organized in 1866.

The first sermon Pastor Moedinger preached at St. Paul's was a Christmas sermon.

The use of the host, or wafer, at communion was introduced at St. Paul's in 1856.

SERVANTS OF ST. PAUL'S

PASTORS

THE REV. C. SANS, 1840-1843

THE REV. R. KORNDORFER, 1843-1844

THE REV. J. E. SCHNEIDER, 1843-1844

THE REV. C. SCHRENCK, 1845-1848

THE REV. JAC. BUEHLER, 1848-1856

THE REV. E. SCHOENE,

THE REV. C. J. MOEDINGER, 1855-1890

THE REV. O. KOELLE, 1869

THE REV. P. J. MAISCH, 1883-1884

THE REV. G. C. FRANKE, 1884-1887

THE REV. G. J. WEGENER, 1887-

THE REV. H. B. ROEPE, 1930-

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J. JACOB BRODERS, 1868-1884

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H. D. SCHROEDER, 1871-1875

C. W. SAUER, 1878-1887

J. F. THOMSON, 1879-1906

F. DOEPKE, 1887-1890

F. W. A. BEESKOW, 1891-1894

L. T. KNIEF, 1894-1902

ANNA KLEIN, 1895-1905

F. W. NIERMANN, 1907-1911

R. W. WISMAR, 1911-

E. A. GROTH, 1925-

Others who served in our school for shorter periods were: Teachers Bremer, Meyer, G. Schroeder, Herm. Wilken, H. L. Huettmann, L. Wisbeck, T. Joeckel, Anna Wurthmann, Theresia Thomson, Magd. Brunig, L. A. C. Huettmann, O. H. Buerger, Rosa Niermann, Bernh. Seefeldt, Rich. Wenzel, Bertha Johansen, Emilie Schubert (Edwards), Emile Wenzel, Fred. Honold, Gertrude Wegener, Lillian Wismar, E. A. Groth (as student), Hy. Schaefer.

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