

OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



A CENTURY OF BLESSING



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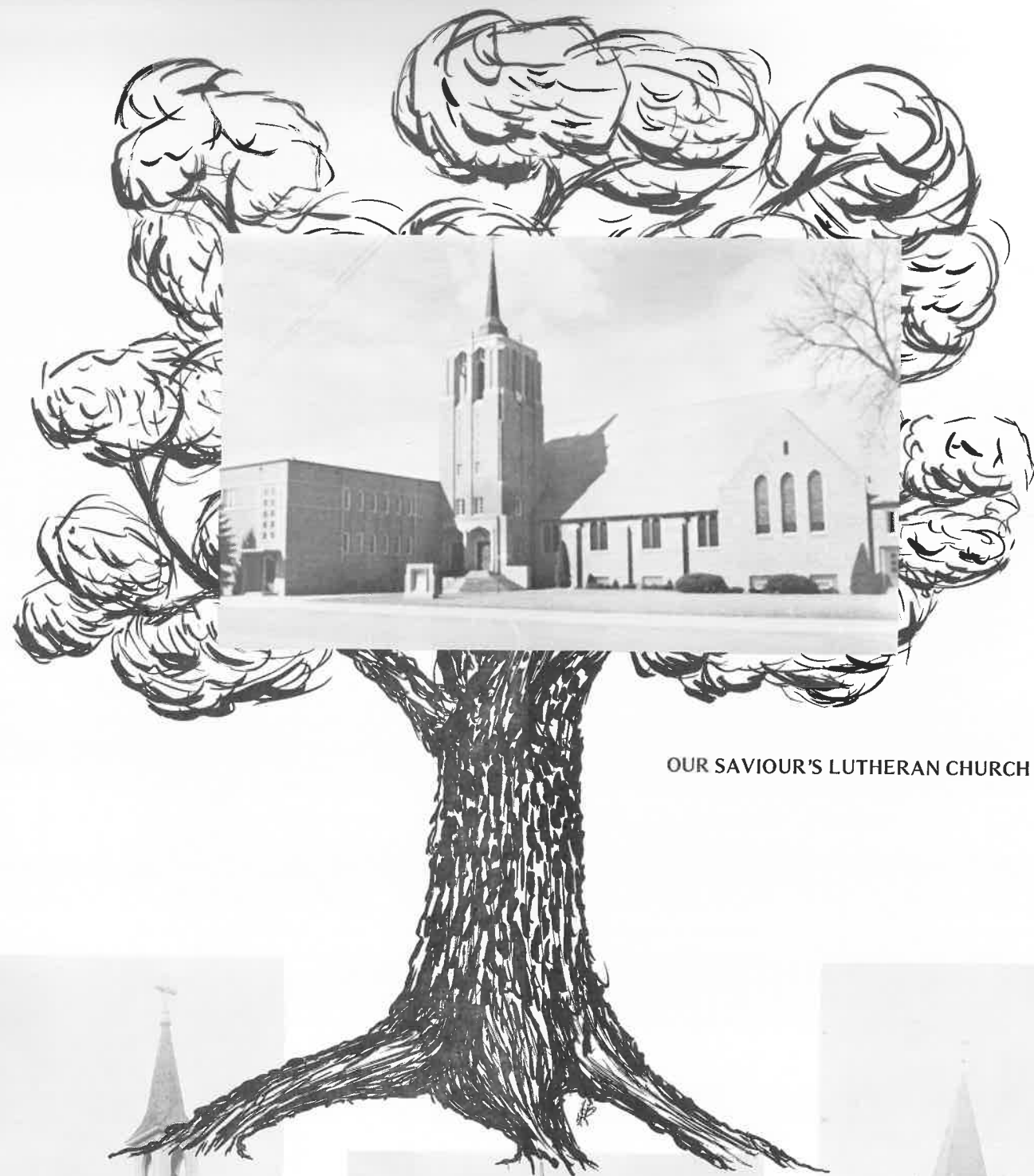
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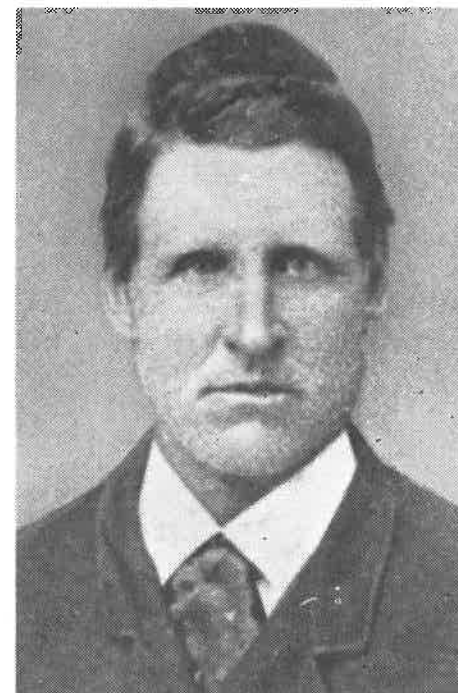


ST. STEPHEN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



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## A Brief History of Mergers



MR. AND MRS. FRIBER OLSON

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church enjoys a unique history in which there have been no less than two major mergers of congregations. This experience, on the part of people in the congregations, we believe has helped to foster a spirit of openness to new organizational structure and also an honest attempt to understand varied backgrounds and differences in church practice.

The first congregation was formed by fifteen families. Services were conducted by the Rev. Nils Brandt and were held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Friber Olson.

We like to think that we have gleaned the best from all of

the groups that have come together to form the present Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Canby.

In 1948 St. Stephen's Lutheran Church and First English Lutheran Church merged to form Our Saviour's Lutheran Church.

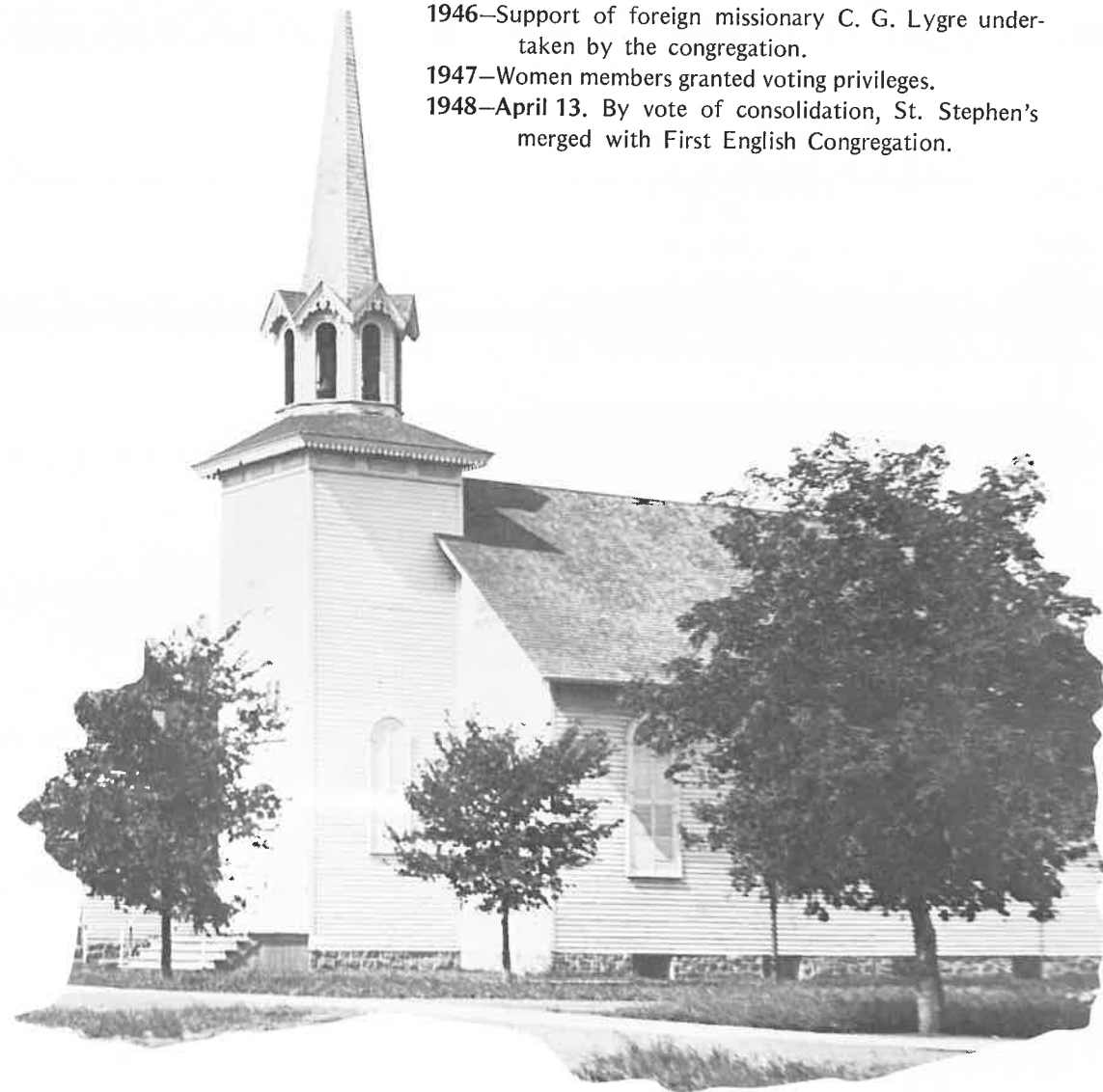
Again in 1962 the former Our Saviour's Lutheran Church and Zacheus Lutheran Church merged to form the present Our Saviour's Lutheran Congregation.

In one sense, the congregation is 100 years old. In another sense, we are a new congregation only nine years old.

## The Early History of St. Stephen's Congregation

1871—July 10. Fifteen families founded St. Stephen's Congregation. First services by the Rev. Nils Brandt.  
 1876—The Rev. Olaf H. Hoel received as resident pastor.  
 1880—Ladies' Aid formed with eleven women as charter members.  
 1885—First services in first church (on south side of Canby) on Easter Sunday.  
 1902—Church moved to new site on Main Street, near City Park.  
 1903—Choir organized.  
 1905—Basement built under church.  
 1912—The Rev. Paul Moen came to fill the pastorate.

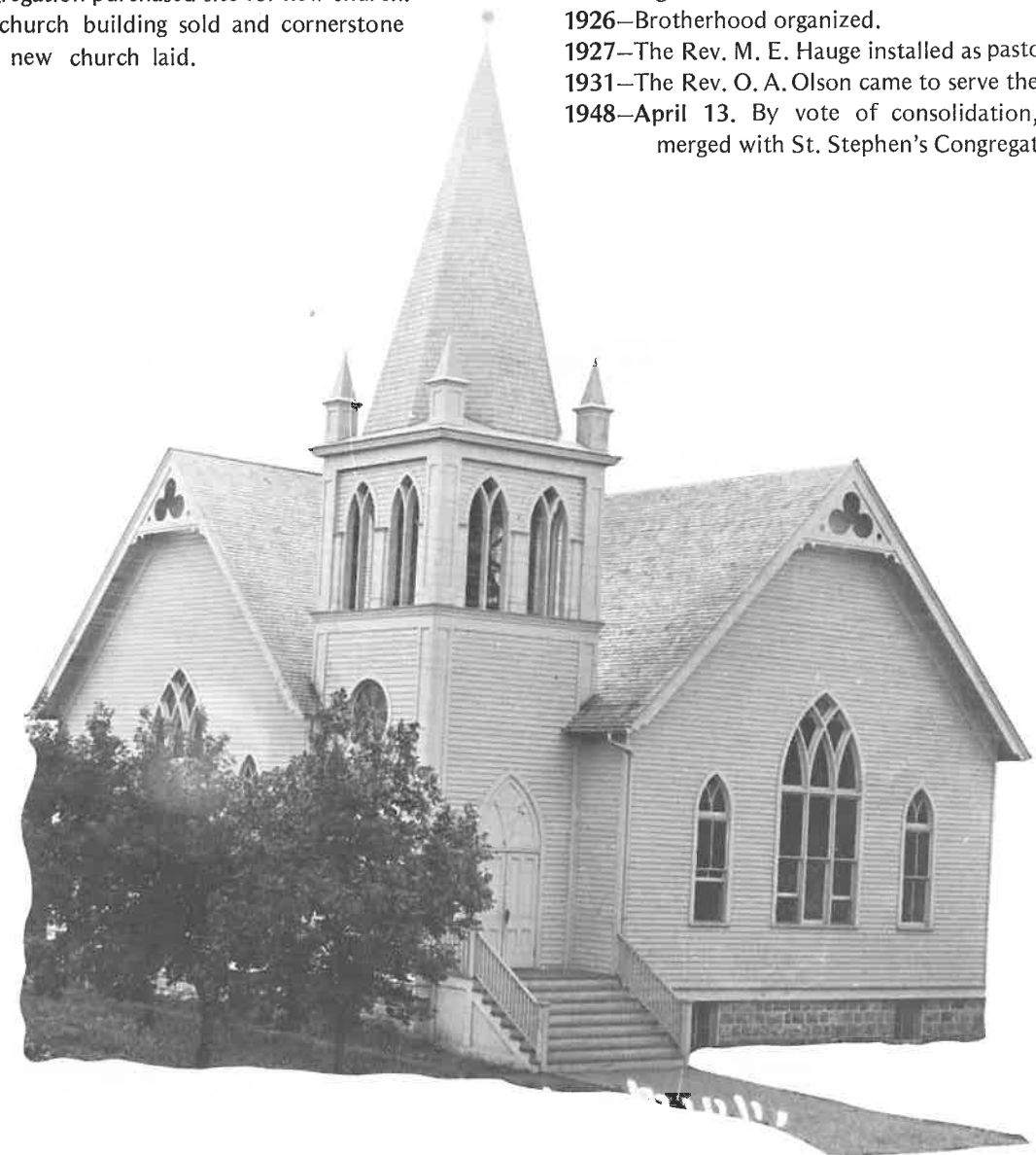
Congregation purchased a house in the northwest part of the city for a parsonage.  
 1917—Pastor Moen's labors cut short by accidental death.  
 1918—Call extended to the Rev. Clarence Haugen to serve the congregation.  
 1924—Church building enlarged and remodeled.  
 1925—Bethlehem Congregation (Burr) merged with St. Stephen's; as did Our Saviour's (Fortier) several years later.  
 1929—Modern pipe organ purchased by Ladies' Aid.  
 1930—The ritual as proposed by the Synod and found in the Lutheran Hymnary adopted for regular use.  
 1937—Envelope system introduced.  
 The Rev. M. O. Kraabel installed as pastor.  
 1946—Support of foreign missionary C. G. Lygre undertaken by the congregation.  
 1947—Women members granted voting privileges.  
 1948—April 13. By vote of consolidation, St. Stephen's merged with First English Congregation.



## St. Paul's and First English Lutheran Churches

1878—St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church organized by eight families.  
 1879—The Rev. I. H. Hinderaker became the first resident pastor.  
 1880—Ladies' Aid organized. (Mrs. Hinderaker first president).  
 1884—Cornerstone laid for church.  
 1886—Sunday School organized.  
 1888—First church dedicated.  
 1890—Pastor's salary fixed at sixty dollars a year.  
 1896—The Rev. K. C. Hinderlie called to serve.  
 1904—Young People's Society organized.  
 1905—Congregation purchased site for new church.  
 1906—Old church building sold and cornerstone for new church laid.

1908—New church dedicated.  
 1913—The Rev. C. Michaelson became pastor.  
 Decided to have occasional English services.  
 1914—First all-English class confirmed.  
 Parsonage built.  
 Pipe organ purchased.  
 1919—The Rev. Henry Noss came to serve congregation.  
 1921—St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church re-organized.  
 Name changed to First English Evangelical Lutheran Church.  
 Women members of church given voting privileges.  
 The Rev. Omar Brenne took over pastorate. Congregation numbered 550 souls.  
 1926—Brotherhood organized.  
 1927—The Rev. M. E. Hauge installed as pastor.  
 1931—The Rev. O. A. Olson came to serve the congregation.  
 1948—April 13. By vote of consolidation, First English merged with St. Stephen's Congregation.



# Highlights of Former Zaccheus Church

**Rev. G. Wannmacher** came from Marshall to try to organize a church. First German service held in Canby, January 23, 1898.

**Rev. O. Just** — June 1898 to November 1902  
Organized the Zaccheus Church with seven families as charter members. Six more families were added later the same year. Worship services were held in homes and the town hall.

**Rev. William Schmidt** — November 1902 to June 1905  
Came as theological student, later full-time pastor. Parsonage was built in 1905.

**Rev. G. Bents** — June 1905 to May 1923  
First full-time resident pastor. Present church building erected at a cost of \$5000.00.

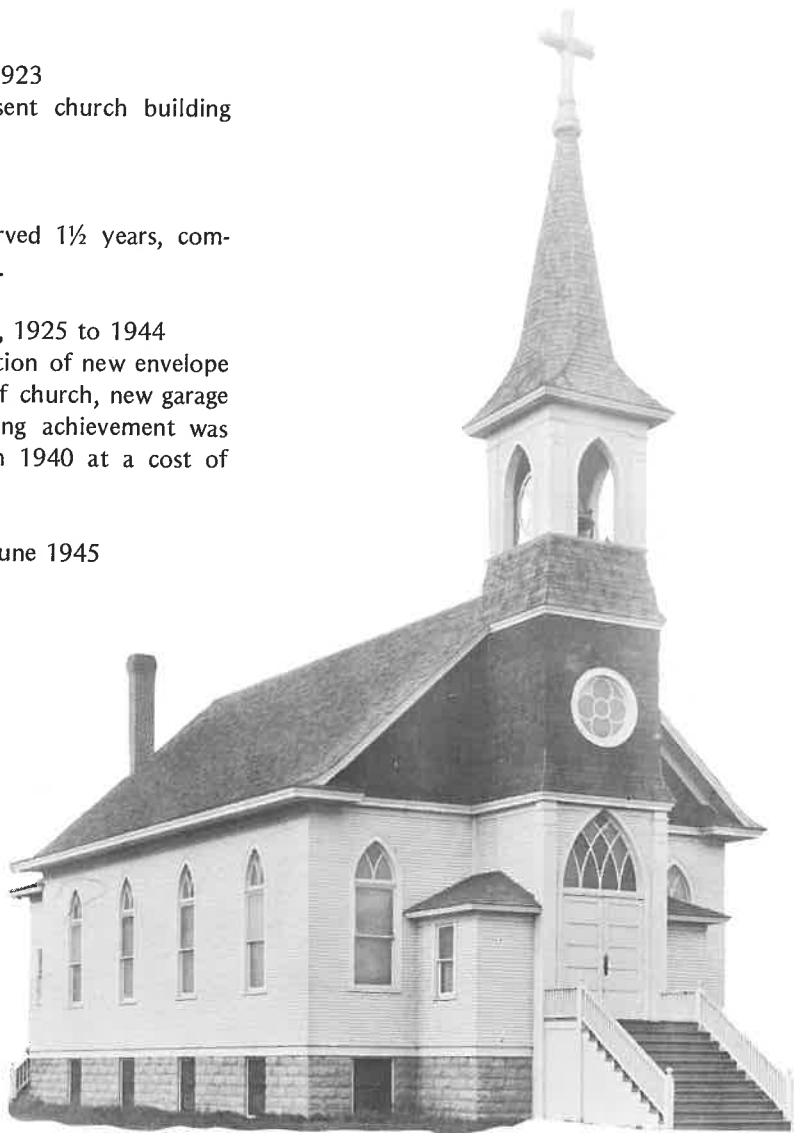
**Rev. William Kolble** — 1923 to 1925  
Started Sunday School in 1923. Served 1½ years, compelled to resign because of ill health.

**Rev. William Hennig** — September 21, 1925 to 1944  
Large membership increase, introduction of new envelope system, many improvements inside of church, new garage and sidewalks built. Most outstanding achievement was new Wicks Pipe Organ purchased in 1940 at a cost of \$2300.00.

**Rev. Otto Kruger** — June 1944 to June 1945  
Church joined Pension Fund.

**Rev. William Mohr** — July 1, 1945 to 1958  
Entire church basement remodeled, rearranged, redecorated, oil burning furnace installed at a cost of \$2500.00 and much labor donated. New parsonage built and dedicated on November 19, 1950, at a cost of \$14,000.00. The church together with the Ladies' Aid and Women's Mission Federation, helped support Miss Gertrude Knetter, missionary to India, during these years.

**Rev. Dr. Lowell Green** — December 1958 to April 29, 1962  
Merger with Our Saviour's in 1962



## The Uniting Spirit

**1948—January 6.** First of several joint council meetings leading to union of St. Stephen's and First-English Lutheran Churches.

**April 13.** Vote for union by the two congregations separately.

**May 17.** Organization of Our Saviour's Congregation.

**July 18.** Festival celebrating union.

**December 18.** The Rev. O. H. Hove came to serve the new congregation.

**1949—April 25.** Congregational vote to build new church.

**September.** Building of new church began.

**1950—May 28.** Cornerstone-laying for the new church.

**Christmas.** First service in the new church.

**1951—November 4.** Dedication of the new church. Membership: 1540 souls.

**1953—February.** The Rev. Nels Magelssen installed as pastor.

**1955—**Stained glass windows installed in the nave.

**1956—**Sponsorship of a new congregation in Bloomington, Minnesota. This is Christ the King Lutheran Church, now with a membership of 3316.

**1959—**Stained glass windows in narthex and chapel.

**1962—June 10.** Our Saviour's Lutheran Church and

Zaccheus Lutheran Church unite.

First service. Membership: 2165.

The Rev. Reynold Tange installed as pastor of the new congregation.

**1963—**The Rev. Wesley Haugen, Associate Pastor.

**1964—**Congregation voted to support the Rev. William Dressen, missionary to Cameroun.

**1964-65—**Family Life Conference with Dr. Armin Grams.

**1965—**Lay School of Theology with First Presbyterian Church and Bethel Lutheran Church, Porter.

**1966—**Bethel Series Bible Study initiated.

Canby Day Activity Center for mentally retarded organized.

The Rev. Andrew Jensen installed as Minister of Education and Youth

**1968—May 5.** Chapel refurnished.

Dedication of newly rebuilt organ.

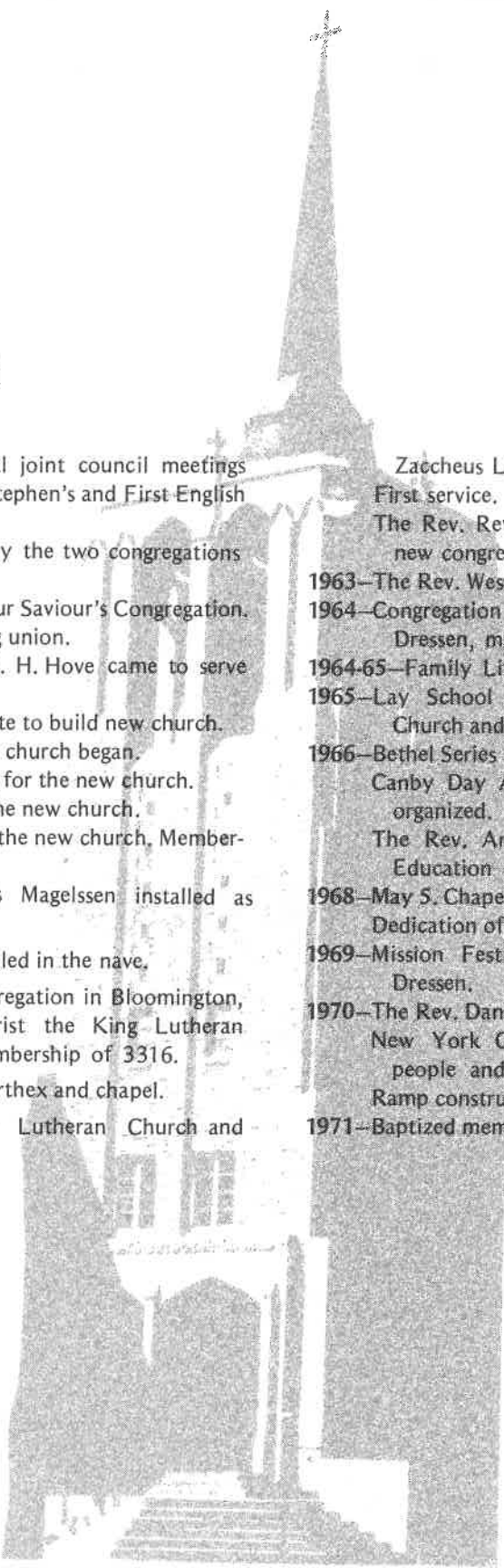
**1969—**Mission Festival and Fair with Pastor and Mrs. Dressen.

**1970—**The Rev. Dan Thurmer installed.

New York Convention attended by forty young people and chaperones.

Ramp constructed at cost of \$3200.00.

**1971—**Baptized membership: 1762.





Former Pastors



THE REV. Wm. HENNIG

265 Ninth Avenue  
Granite Falls, Minnesota

“Mercy unto you, and peace and love, be multiplied.” (Jude 2)

As a former pastor of Zaccheus Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canby, Minnesota, now merged with Our Saviour’s Lutheran, I extend to you hearty congratulations, greetings and best wishes.

May the Lord, our Saviour, be honored by the celebration of the anniversary of Our Saviour’s Congregations, and be among you with His love and blessing.

In these times of mergers, changes, innovations and outright Apostasy, I would exhort you with the words of the Holy Writers:

“That you should earnestly contend for the faith, which was once delivered unto the saints.” (Jude 3)

“Beloved brethren: be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.” (I Cor. 15:58)

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
William Hennig

1360 Oakmont Rd, Apt. 142-D  
Seal Beach, California 90740

Dear Friends:

I am happy to join former pastors and the many friends of Our Saviour’s Congregation in congratulations. Shortly after I arrived in Canby, in 1931, I was invited to participate in the 60th anniversary of St. Stephen’s Congregation. Many things have happened in Canby in the 40 years since then. Above all, we believe the work of the Kingdom has gone forward. We pray God’s continued blessing upon you.

Yours sincerely,  
O. A. Olson



THE REV. O. A. OLSON

Our Savior’s Lutheran Church  
3634 First Avenue N. E.  
Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52402

Dear Friends:

On the occasion of your Centennial Celebration we greet you in the words of the Psalmist: “Come, listen, all who fear God, and I will tell you all that He has done for me.” (Psalm 66:16)

A Christian Congregation that has been privileged to serve the Lord for 100 years can surely make those words of the Psalmist its own. And what a story Our Saviour’s can tell: for 100 years God’s grace has been dispensed through Word and Sacrament. To how many the Lord has thus ministered, He alone knows. For a century now His life-giving, life-saving Word has been preached from the pulpit, taught in the classroom, and dispensed sacramentally in Holy Baptism and the Eucharist. To hundreds upon hundreds has God’s grace thereby been proffered. Many have come to God’s altar to invoke His blessing on their marriages and there through His Word His grace was bestowed. Think of the ministration of Word and Sacrament to the sick and dying, and the proclamation of God’s grace at burial services!

For all this we are grateful, for this we ‘praise Him from whom all blessings flow,’ in this we rejoice with you. For this, Our Saviour’s century of grace, ‘all glory be to God on High!’

Most sincerely,  
M. O. Kraabel



THE REV. M. O. KRAABEL

Route 1, Box 261 B  
Fairview Drive  
Boon, North Carolina 28607

Dear Friends in Christ Jesus:

It is with pleasure that I greet you in anticipation of your celebration of the one-hundredth anniversary of the founding of the St. Stephen’s Lutheran Church, the beginnings of the present Lutheran Church of Our Saviour in Canby.

During the past century, a number of different groups and congregations contributed toward establishing the present Our Saviour’s Lutheran congregation, which was organized in 1962. At that time I followed the request of the District President and resigned my pastorate at the Zaccheus American Lutheran Church, paving the way for my congregation, together with the former Our Saviour’s Church, to surrender two identities in order to form a new Lutheran Church in Canby, which also adopted the name of Our Saviour.

It is a sacred duty as well as a joy to celebrate such an occasion. Again and again, Holy Scripture admonishes us to remember the great deeds of God in the days of our fathers. The writer of the Epistle to the Hebrews calls upon us never to forget those who have brought to us the Word of Truth, ever following what they have taught: “Jesus Christ the same yesterday and today and forever.” (Heb. 13:7f) To recall how this same Jesus has been present in our beloved Lutheran Church in the Sacrament of Baptism, the Lord’s Supper, and the taught and preached Word gives us something to celebrate, an occasion for joy, and a solemn obligation. Let us thankfully receive our heritage of faith, let us diligently work for the good of our fellow man, and let us turn over this divine gift, unadulterated, to future generations.

God fill your hearts with peace and joy at this centennial celebration, God strengthen among you and among us all the bonds of Christian unity, and God help us all, in the Church in this world, to work faithfully toward the coming of God’s Kingdom, and the Church in the world to come!

Faithfully yours,  
Lowell C. Green



THE REV. DR. LOWELL C. GREEN



THE REV. M. E. HAUGE

25825 Columbia Street  
Hemet, California 92343

Greetings to Our Saviour's Lutheran Church!

In bringing a greeting to Our Saviour's Lutheran Church on this her 100th anniversary I would like to underscore the words found in Hebrews 13:8 "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever."

In this age of cataclysmic change in which we are living, how reassuring to remember and to know that Jesus Christ, whom we preach, whom we serve, and who shall determine our eternal destiny, remains forever the same.

When I was installed as pastor in this church in September 1927, I used as my text I Cor. 2:2 "I am determined to know nothing among you save Jesus Christ and Him crucified." After nearly fifty years in the ministry I am more determined than ever to preach Christ and to exalt Christ because I have learned from experience and from observation that there is no other hope for our shattered world.

God bless Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in its continued ministry of serving the unchanging Christ, the "hope of the world."

Sincerely in Christ,  
M. E. Hauge

201 Curtiss Parkway  
Miami Springs, Florida 33166

Dear Friends:

Congratulations to the members of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church on the occasion of the centennial observance of organized congregational work among Lutherans in the Canby area! Mrs. Hove and I both enjoyed our stay in Canby and consider it in many ways the high point in our career. Having to do with the building of your present church building was in itself a milestone experience. May the Lord continue to bless Our Saviour's Congregation and make the church building (now over 20 years old) a true spiritual power plant for the refreshing and energizing of spirits in these difficult but exciting times!

Sincerely,  
O. H. Hove



THE REV. O. H. HOVE

1206 North Whitehall Road  
Muskegon, Michigan 49445

Dear Friends:

I thank you for the privilege of being able to send you a greeting on the occasion of your Centennial observance.

I believe that the guiding hand of God is very clear in the history of Our Saviour's Church. Its early beginnings were so small and scattered. Yet, through the guidance and blessing of God, and the response of the people, this church grew to become one of the great and responsible congregations of the American Lutheran Church today.

Our Saviour's Church could never have become what it is today unless the leadership of the church had been both sensitive to the will of God and capable of a vision of what the future could be. It demanded choices that had to be made by faith. The congregation was able to make these decisions of faith.

Therefore, on this occasion, I believe that tribute should be paid to those whose leadership, strength, courage, and faith have guided Our Saviour's Church in years now gone.

Mrs. Magelssen and I thank you for the privilege of living in your midst and serving Our Saviour's for almost ten years.

May God's very richest blessing be with both pastors and people of Our Saviour's Church in all time to come!

Sincerely,  
N. S. Magelssen



THE REV. N. S. MAGELSSEN



THE REV. W. HAUGEN

Our Friends at Our Saviour's,

We greet you in the Name of Christ on the occasion of your centennial. What a joyous, good thing to celebrate!

You have occasion to celebrate the faith...the faith once delivered to the saints...the faith of our fathers...a faith kept alive and well to this generation.

You have occasion to celebrate joy. In the history of any congregation there are many pages of sorrow, tension, even strife and division. But where the Spirit of Christ has been permitted to work and heal, joy triumphs.

And this is a time to celebrate each other...the fellowship, the communion of saints. The church is people, created and redeemed to be God's own. We are a family...and the family circle is a place for joy.

Finally, you can celebrate hope. While we don't know what the days and years ahead may bring we enter them in the assurance of God's presence and power.

Our family together extends to you our heartfelt best wishes and congratulations and to God our prayers and thanksgiving for all this centennial represents.

Sincerely,  
Wesley Haugen



THE REV. A. G. JENSEN

115 Dickinson Street  
Mankato, Minnesota 56001

Dear Friends in Christ,

As you celebrate your centennial year I would like to send my best wishes to you. My family and I look back with fond memories on the years we spent in your midst in the education ministry. It was our privilege to work among you and we want to thank you once again for the opportunity. Our Saviour's in Canby holds a special place in our hearts. Our youngest son was baptized there and our other boys began attending church school. We count you all among our many friends in Christ.

May God richly bless you as you continue as sons of God in His service.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Andrew G. Jensen

## Other Former Pastors

Pictured below and on the following page are more of the pastors who have served St. Stephen's, Zaccheus, St. Paul's and First English Lutheran Churches.



THE REV. OLAF H. HOEL  
St. Stephen's 1876-1912



THE REV. PAUL MOEN  
St. Stephen's 1912-1917



THE REV. CLARENCE HAUGEN  
St. Stephen's 1918-1937



THE REV. WILLIAM SCHMIDT  
Zaccheus 1902-1905



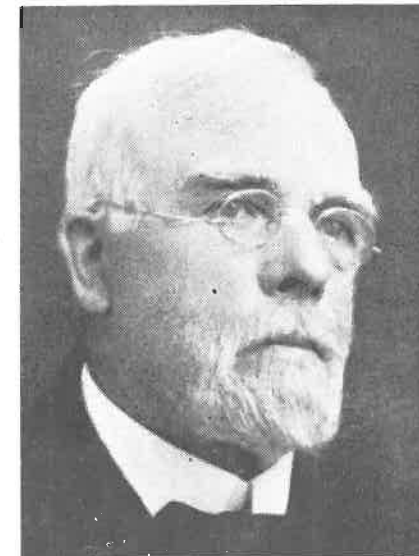
THE REV. WILLIAM MOHR  
Zaccheus 1945-1958



THE REV. C. MICHAELSON  
St. Paul's 1913-1919



THE REV. G. BENTS  
Zaccheus 1905-1923



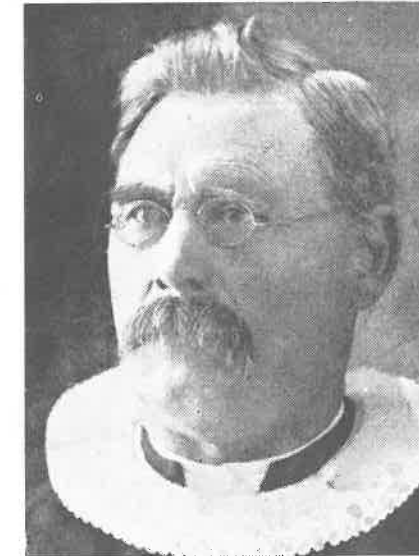
THE REV. I. H. HINDERAKER  
St. Paul's 1879-1895



THE REV. HENRY NOSS  
St. Paul's 1919-1921



THE REV. WILLIAM KOLBLE  
Zaccheus 1923-1925



THE REV. K. C. HINDERLIE  
St. Paul's 1896-1908



THE REV. OMAR BRENNE  
First English 1921-1927



## Sons of Congregation

THE REV. H. BENTS



THE REV. A. EDWARDS



THE REV. E. NESSET

THE REV. M. MELBY



*Lord of the Church, we humbly pray  
For those who guide us in thy way,  
And speak thy holy word;  
With love divine their hearts inspire,  
And touch their lips with hallowed fire,  
And needful grace afford.*

*Help them to preach the truth of God,  
Redemption through the Saviour's Blood;  
Nor let the Spirit cease  
On all the Church his gifts to shower:  
To them, a messenger of power,  
To us, of life and peace.*

*So may they live to thee alone,  
Then hear the welcome word, 'Well done!'  
And take their crown above;  
Enter into their Master's joy,  
And all eternity employ  
In praise, and bliss, and love.*



THE REV. REYNOLD TANGE  
Senior Pastor



THE REV. DAN THURMER  
Assistant Pastor





## Mission Emphasis



The Rev. Dr. Conrad Eastwold, Medical Missionary to Cameroun, Africa, is pictured with a tribal robe, ceremonial sword and many other African artifacts at the Mission Fair. A 17-foot python skin is on the wall.



**THE REV. GERALD LYGRE**  
Missionary to South Africa



**THE REV. WILLIAM DRESSEN**  
Missionary to Cameroun, Africa

Through the years there has been evidence of interest in foreign missions on the part of people in Our Saviour's Congregation.

In 1945 people of the congregation who were then organized under the name of Zaccheus Lutheran Church sponsored Gertrude Knetter as a missionary to India. This sponsorship continued from 1945 to 1958. Pastor Gerald Lygre was sponsored as a missionary by the St. Stephen's Congre-

gation in 1946, serving in the mission field of South Africa.

The present congregation is sponsoring Pastor William Dressen in Cameroun, Africa. This sponsorship was begun in 1964. One of the highlights in activity of the congregation in recent years has been a Mission Festival held in 1969 when Pastor Dressen and his wife were our guests for a ten day period.

## Our Saviour's Men Serve Their Country

### SERVICEMEN

Wayne Benson  
William Benson  
Paul Christianson  
Lyndon Fitzpatrick  
Paul Fairchild  
Larry Funk  
Edgar Fontane  
Brian Gust  
Larry Grong  
Darwin Hillman  
James Hovland  
David Hacker  
Duane Haugen  
Michael Reynolds  
Richard Reiter  
Curtis Rangaard  
Steven Kveene  
John E. Larson  
David J. Larson  
Clayton Melby  
David Mortenson  
Linnae Mead  
Douglas Madsen  
Wayne Ouverson  
Gregory Pyle  
Terry Singsaas  
Michael Thompson  
James Wnuk  
Roger Yackley  
Ronald Zimmerman  
Richard Grondahl

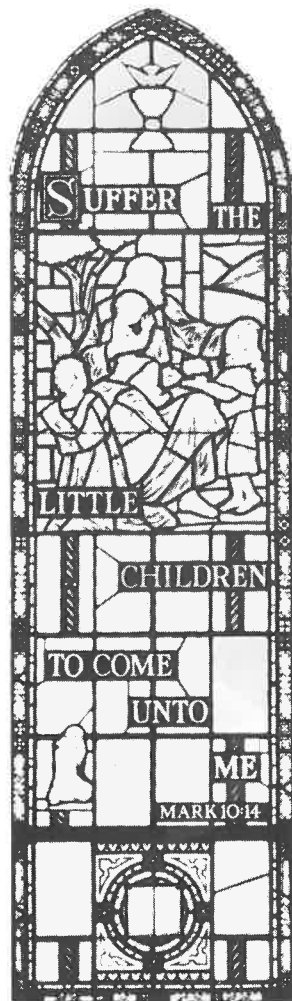
### SERVICEMEN DISCHARGED IN 1970

Lyndon Mead  
Dale Christie  
Ronald Sillman  
Robert M. Hanson  
Larry Ouverson  
Dennis Richter  
Douglas Mork  
Roger Lindberg  
Leslie Mead  
Leon Gust  
Dan Gust  
Glen Funk  
Dennis Sillman  
Erroll Harding  
Dennis Peterson  
Michael Erp  
Merlyn Cole  
Quentin Hovland  
Bruce Madsen  
Roger Bresser  
Russell Winter

### SERVICEMEN DISCHARGED IN 1971

Stanely Hacker  
Darryl Yackley  
Lyle Hendrickson  
Clayton Peterson  
Glen Gust





## Our Saviour's Church Education

The strength of tomorrow is in education today. There is a strong force of teachers that are strengthening the people of this church. We are grateful for their work and awed by their challenge.

In the Sunday School we have:

34 teachers  
23 teacher aides  
406 students (Kindergarten — YIPS)

In the Released Time Program we have:

15 teachers  
154 students

In the Confirmation Program we have:

4 teachers  
124 students

In Adult Education we have:

5 teachers  
75 students



## Sunday School and Release Time Classes



*Children of the heavenly Father,  
Safely in his bosom gather;  
Nestling bird nor star in heaven  
Such a refuge e'er was given.*

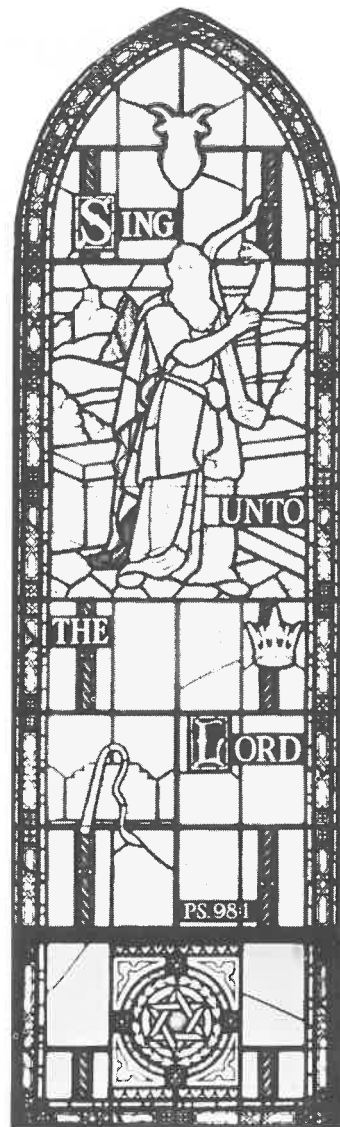
*God his own doth tend and nourish,  
In his holy courts they flourish.  
From all evil things he spares them,  
In his mighty arms he bears them.*

*Neither life nor death shall ever  
From the Lord his children sever;  
Unto them his grace he showeth.  
And their sorrows all he knoweth.*

*Though he giveth or he taketh,  
God his children ne'er forsaketh,  
His the loving purpose solely  
To preserve them pure and holy.*







# The Church Choirs

ST. PAUL'S CHOIR

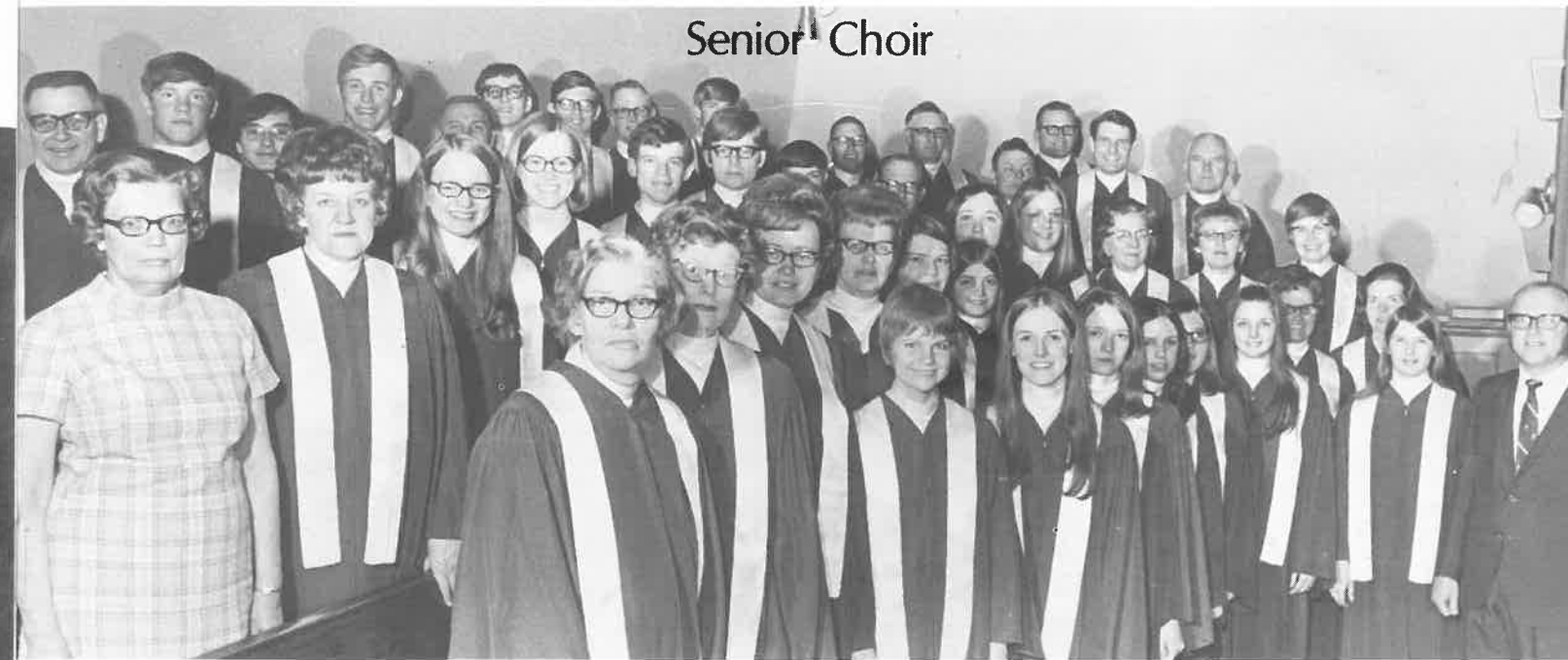


ST. STEPHEN'S CHOIR



# Our Saviour's Choirs

Senior Choir



Mrs. Ruby Evanson

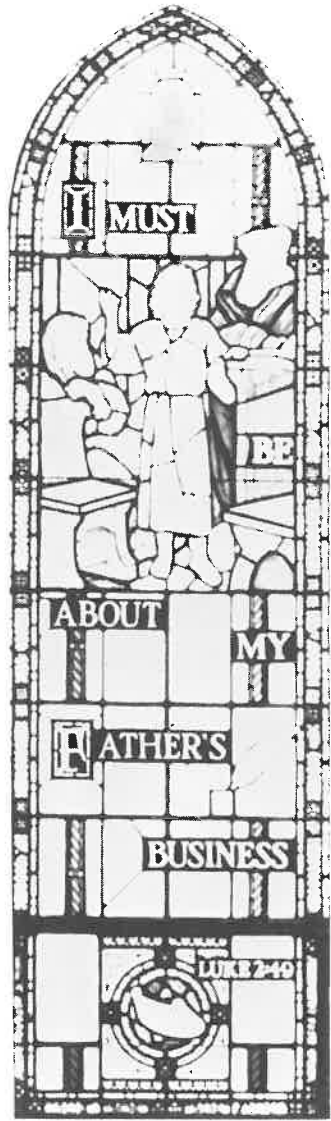


Mrs. Delores Peterson

ORGANISTS

Carol Choir





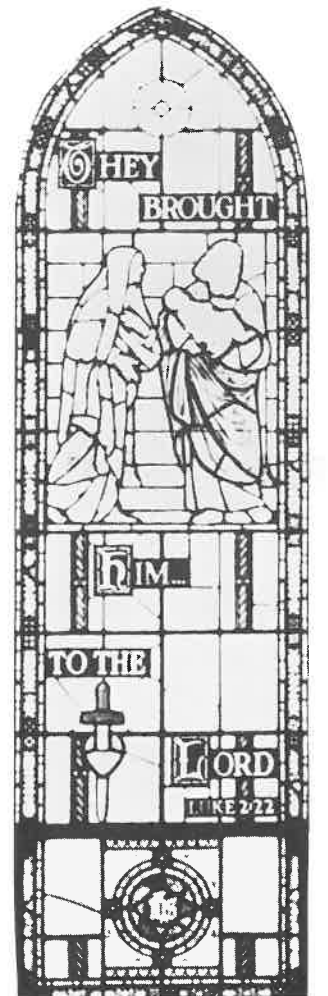
American Lutheran Church Women



Ladies Aid



Baptism

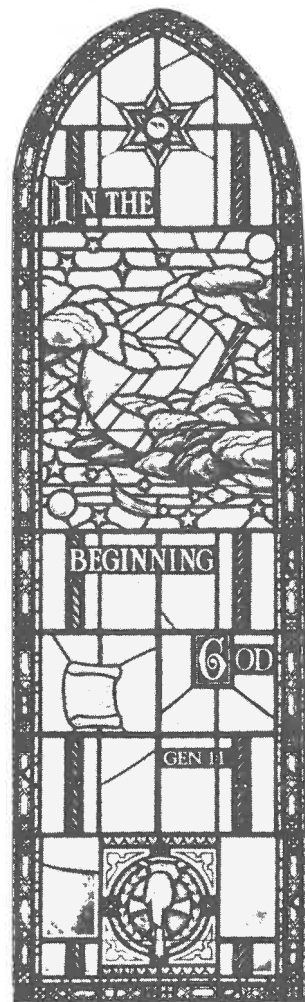


*He that believes and is baptized  
Shall see the Lord's salvation;  
Baptized into the death of Christ,  
He is a new creation;  
Through Christ's redemption  
He shall stand  
Among the glorious heavenly band  
Of every tribe and nation.*

*With one accord, O God, we pray;  
Grant us thy Holy Spirit;  
Look thou on our infirmity  
Through Jesus' Blood and merit;  
Grant us to grow in grace each day  
By holy baptism, that we may  
Eternal life inherit.*







## Holy Matrimony



*Lord, who at Cana's wedding feast  
Didst as a guest appear,  
Thou, dearer far than earthly guest,  
Vouchsafe thy presence here;  
For holy thou indeed dost prove  
The marriage vow to be,  
Proclaiming it a type of love  
Between the Church and Thee.*

*The holiest vow that man can make,  
The golden thread in life,  
The bond that none may dare to break,  
That bindeth man and wife;  
Which, blessed by thee, whate'er betides,  
No evil shall destroy,  
Through care-worn days each care divides,  
And doubles every joy.*

Since 1962, when Our Saviour's  
Congregation was formed, there  
have been 137 marriages in the  
church.





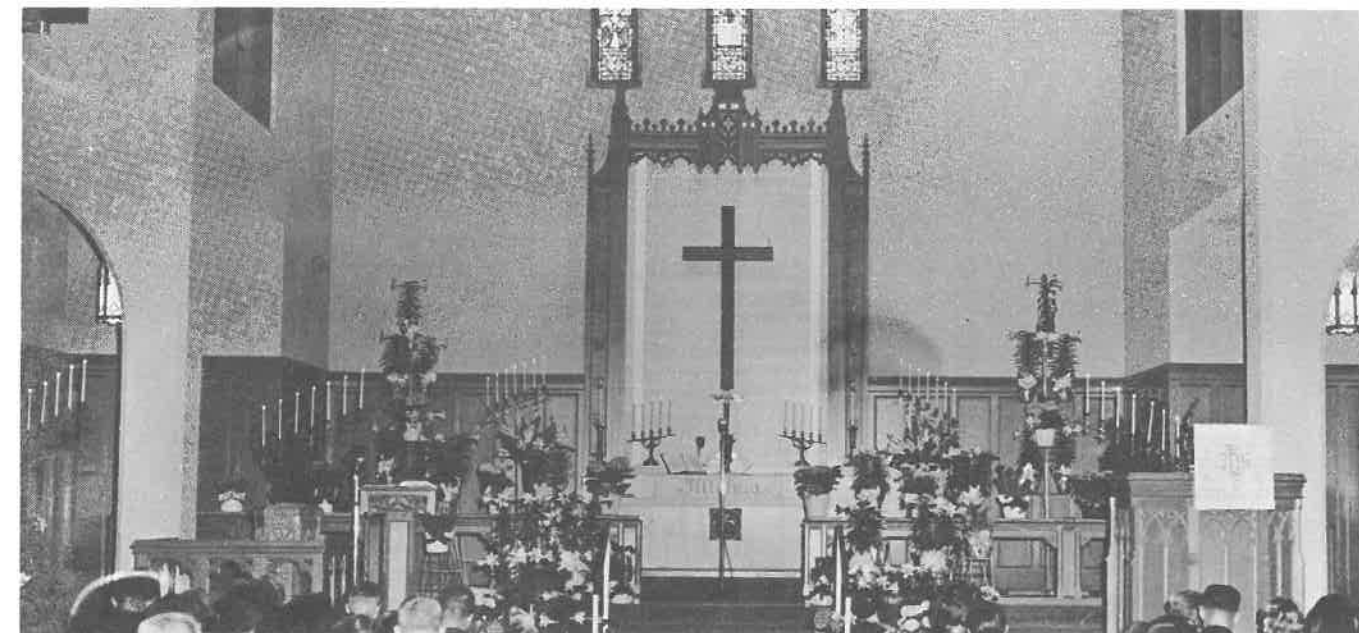
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FIRESIDE ROOM



RECREATION ROOM



Mrs. Lavonne Anholt  
*Parish Secretary*



Mr. and Mrs. Roy Winter  
*Custodians*

## Centennial Program

### Friday, June 18, 1971

8:00 p.m. Holy Communion Service  
Speaker: The Rev. Norris Erdahl  
*Assistant to the District President*  
9:15 p.m. Ice Cream Social

### Saturday, June 19, 1971

9:30 a.m. ALCW "Kaffe Klatsch"  
7:00 p.m. Reunion Banquet  
Master of Ceremonies: Donald Snortum  
Speakers: Former Pastors

Music: Double Quartet  
9:00 p.m. Choir Practice (former choir members invited) Al Reesnes, director

### Sunday, June 20, 1971

8:00 a.m. Youth Service  
Speaker: Pastor Merlin Melby  
10:00 a.m. Centennial Festival Service  
Speaker: Dr. Alvin Rogness  
*President of Luther Theological Seminary*  
11:30 a.m. Dinner for congregation and guests — church dining room



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