



Century
with
Christ

100th ANNIVERSARY
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

1410 Rogers Street Stevens Point, Wis

Incorporated April 26, 1874



Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place
in all generations . . .
From everlasting to everlasting
thou art God . . .
Establish thou the work of our hands
upon us.

from Psalm 90

O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST

*O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home:*

*Under the shadow of thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is thine arm alone,
And our defence is sure.*

*Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting thou art God,
To endless years the same.*

*A thousand ages in thy sight
Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.*

*Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.*

*O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guide while troubles last,
And our eternal home! Amen.*

Isaac Watts, 1674-1748
Psalm 90
Service Book and Hymnal-168

A Special Moment

This is a profound moment in the life of this congregation. We celebrate Trinity's one hundred years of ministry with a mixture of pride, humility and gratitude.

A centennial observance carries various meanings for many people. It has a special significance for those who are descendants of the pioneer charter members and for those whose personal memories root deep into the history of this place. Yet the joy of this occasion belongs to all of us who have found our lives immersed in this Community of Faith. We are all part of a rich heritage and we all share the privileges and responsibilities that still belong to this sector of God's family.

Certainly, the festivities of a full century of life and ministry ought to give us pause for some deep reflection on what it means to be the link in the chain that alone can connect the past with the future.

In the past decade it has become very easy to lose an appreciation for our place in history. We have been part of a generation that tends to selfishly emphasize only the "here and now."

This has caused many in our society to dismiss history and its acquired wisdom as irrelevant. Others are led to ignore the needs of the future and feel no guilt in wasting the earth's resources that should be the rightful inheritance of those to come.

The "here and now" is extremely urgent. It is our only opportunity to live and act, but not in a self-centered, self-contained vacuum. We owe a heavy debt to the past and a great obligation to the future. When we understand that we are a bridge from one to the other, we gain perspective and direction on how to responsibly meet our little moment in history.

This is especially true in the history of the Church. We believe that God is working out His purpose through His people. Therefore, each new generation is unique, but it is all part of a movement toward final fulfillment. Our day must always be seen in the context of what has been and what yet shall be.



G. JAMES OLIVER

May God, "our help in ages past and hope for years to come," continue to bless Trinity. May we, by grace, keep the torch, handed to us by our spiritual parents, burning brightly until it can be passed on to the saints of tomorrow.

Pastor G. James Oliver

OUR CORNERSTONE — OUR HISTORY

When the Trinity congregation moved from the church at Strongs and Brawley to its present building, the cornerstone was opened and the contents transferred to the 1952 cornerstone. Among the contents (listed here together with the materials which were added) was a concise history of the congregation written in Norwegian by Judge John A. Murat. Dr. Harold Tolo, professor of history at the local college and member of Trinity's Board of Deacons, translated the document and attached the translation to the original before it was redeposited. Pictured at the sealing of the cornerstone are Orvis M. Hanson, pastor; the Rev. Philip Dybvig, former pastor; and deacons Carlton Rustad, Tolo, and Dr. Win Jensen.



Materials in our Cornerstone

From the Old Cornerstone:

The Book of Concord

Newspapers:

Stevens Point Post, September 24, 1898
The Gazette, September 21, 1898
Rolnik, September 23, 1898
Stevens Point Journal, August 20, 1898
Amherst Advocate, September 21, 1898

Church papers:

Zoar, February 1898
Indremissionaeren, September 1, 1898
Evangelisk Luthersk Kirketidende, September 14, 1898
For Gammel og Ung, September 18, 1898
Borne Blad

Constitution of the Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of Stevens Point

History of the Congregation up to 1898

Original
English Translation

New Materials:

Newspapers:

Stevens Point Daily Journal, March 29, 1952
Stevens Point Daily Journal, September 4, 1952
Amherst Advocate, August 28, 1952

Church publications:

Lutheran Herald, August 26, 1952

The Missionary, May 1952
News Bulletin, June 1952
The Circuit News, Third Quarter, 1952
The Lutheran Teacher, March 1952
Lutheran Yearbook, 1951

Local Church Publications:

Annual Report for 1951
75th Anniversary Bulletin
65th Anniversary Booklet
The Bond, December 1949
The Bond, September 1952
Sunday Church Bulletin, September 7, 1952
Service of Ground Breaking, March 30, 1952
Service of Cornerstone Laying, September 7, 1952

The Constitution of Trinity

Order of Service Book

Annual Report of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1952

1952 issue coins

A dollar bill

Pictures of the church under construction

Pictures of the Ground Breaking

A picture of Old Trinity

The Holy Bible

History of the Congregation

Judge Murat's History of the Church

The first attempt at locating the scattered church membership possibilities among the Scandinavian Lutheran people in Stevens Point was, as it is now recalled, done by Northern Wisconsin's Norwegian Missionary pastor, Nils Brandt, pastor at Rock River and other congregations.

From 1857 and on, Brandt visited this place (Stevens Point) once or twice each year. It is reported that the first church service was conducted in the home of Joel B. Scott, and a few still living do recall this first church service. In 1863, Pastor A. Mikkelsen became the pastor at Scandinavia and did pastoral work in the adjoining areas. As often as possible, he visited Stevens Point until 1870, when a parish called *New Hope and adjoining congregations* was created by carving it out of the original Scandinavia parish. The New Hope congregation called Pastor N. Berge to be its minister.

Until 1873, this (Stevens Point) congregation was judged to be a "Mission church" but with an administrative structure identical to that of independent congregations. But on April 27, 1873, the Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Congregation in Stevens Point was established, which continues to be known as Trinity congregation. In 1873, the congregation had 28 male members of whom nearly all are now (in 1898) dead, have moved away, or have withdrawn from the congregation. Also on April 27, 1873, the parish called N. Berge to be its pastor; and Jorgen O. Wrolstad, Anders Johnson, and Helge Halverson were elected trustees. This action permitted incorporation procedures to be initiated; so that by April 26, 1874, Trinity congregation was officially created. But the congregation had at this time no church property, so church services were conducted for some time in the Presbyterian church.

There had existed for some time a German Lutheran congregation in Stevens Point; therefore on April 20, 1874, Trinity purchased a half interest in the (German) church and property. In 1875, Trinity received the deed for its share in this jointly-owned property, which was located on the corner of Elk and Shaurette streets. This property is still (in 1898) jointly owned.

The Rev. Berge continued as the congregation's pastor until 1881 when, because of illness, he found it necessary to resign. Pastor Musdres (sic) visited the church occasionally during Pastor Berge's illness. In 1880, the first Sunday school was organized by Ole L. Sande, Jacob Pederson, and John A. Murat, and this Sunday school was operated successfully for many years. On May 8, 1881, the Rev. Nils Forde was called to be pastor in Trinity; Pastor Forde's call also included the congregation at Amherst. From August, 1881 to November, 1892, Pastor Forde served as our pastor; but at the later date, he moved to Starbuck, Pope County, Minnesota.

In 1889, a committee consisting of Anders Rohjeld, O. L. Sande, L. R. Anderson, and J. A. Murat, was asked to work out a constitution and by-laws for the congregation. On March 4, 1889, the congregation had been re-incorporated under the State Laws of Wisconsin; by May 3, 1892, the constitutional work was completed and officially accepted by the congregation. An attempt was made in the summer of 1892 to acquire some property of its own by buying the Episcopal Church building on Clark Street. But this attempt failed.

On November 20, 1892, Pastor I. G. Monson was called to serve the Amherst-Stevens Point congregations, and he began his work a month later. In the late eighties, a choir was

organized under the direction of O. L. Sande and L. R. Anderson; it is said that this choir contributed a great deal to congregational interest and morale. In 1892, the Sunday school work was revived by L. R. Anderson, Ole and Gunder Sande, and others, L. R. Anderson continuing to act as its superintendent until 1897 when he was replaced by Ole Christiansen, the current Sunday school superintendent.

The "West-Side" Ladies' Aid was established early in 1890, and the "East-Side" unit in December, 1890. Similarly a Girls' Club was organized in 1892. These organizations are all active (in 1898) and are real forces in the congregation.

Early in the nineties, the congregation selected a committee (including both sexes) to work out "ways and means" for the purchase of, or the building of, a church. It is hoped that these organizations mentioned above and the members of this new committee will find the answers and their well-begun work soon completed. Pastor Monson resigned in November, 1896, and on December 27, 1896, Pastor Christian Hovde was called. He did begin his work early in 1897. During the interim, Pastor Magelsen of Iola visited the congregation whenever possible.

For several years, Trinity had tried to sell its share in the church property jointly owned with the German congregation. Despite a failure to do this, Trinity voted on March 6, 1898 to buy a lot on the corner of Strongs Avenue and Brawley Street, and the purchase contract was completed by March 21, 1898. Funds for this property purchase were provided primarily by the two Ladies' Aid Groups and the Girls' Club; the remaining money needed was furnished by the Building Fund Committee.

It was on March 20, 1898, that the congregation's name was legally changed to *Trinity Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church*. (Translator's note: Despite a great deal of synodical name shifting between 1898 and 1952, it is interesting that the congregation's official name reads today (1952) exactly as it did in 1898). Also on March 20, 1898, the congregation voted to build a new church, the design and detail to be determined by Architect Jeffers. Supervision of the building project was assigned to a Building Committee, which included A. P. Lewis, L. R. Anderson, H. Holen, and J. A. Murat. The church is being built by funds received through voluntary contributions, collected by the Building Fund Committee. Also a considerable amount of the materials needed for construction is being donated by Stevens Point business men and other area citizens. The congregation appreciates this help since its total membership includes only about 60 persons of both sexes. Throughout the years, the Lord has been helpful. May many hearts be opened (sic) so they may want to share in the building of this House of God, as living proofs that there still are persons willing and daring to defend the teachings of the Evangelical Lutheran Church; may there be many willing to help us complete this house which we in the name of Jesus Christ have begun to build, and to the honor of the Holy Trinity.

We conclude herewith this first attempt at a history of this congregation up to this date.

Written in all humility on September 25, 1898.

John A. Murat
Chairman, Trinity Congregation

Translated by H. M. Tolo, September 1, 1952.

TRINITY'S TIME LINE

What brought us together as a church family in this century, this country, this community? This timeline invites you to record family milestones, relating them to events or religious and political thinking that may have influenced your personal history.

The 40 years just before Trinity's first century saw Wisconsin change from a territory to a state (1848). Thousands of settlers came — many seeking freedom from revolutions in Europe. Travel became easier. (First steamship across Atlantic, 1830; railroad reached Stevens Point, 1871; stage-coach days here 1850-1870). Available land. (Homestead Act, 1862; cheap land offered by railroads.) Lumbering provided employment. News and ideas traveled faster. (Morse

telegraph, 1844; Transatlantic Cable, 1865.) Thinking was influenced by: Marx's *Communist Manifesto*, Darwin's *Origin of Species*, Pasteur's germ theory, Civil War and race relations, Victorian era, and free public education. Industry was affected by the discovery of oil, the invention of the Bessemer steel process, and the aftereffects of the Industrial Revolution.

Stevens Point, named after the point on the Wisconsin River where George Stevens landed in 1839, had its first church service in 1847 in a village of 20 families. It had 458 people when it got its name in 1850. It became a city in 1858.

Thus we come to the time marking Trinity's first hundred years.

Events in the United States and the World

1874 — Penny post card issued in U.S.
— Barbed wire was invented.

1875 — Corruption and scandals mark the presidency of Ulysses S. Grant.

1876 — Bell invented the telephone.
— Custer's last stand.

1877 — Rutherford B. Hayes, President
— Edison invented phonograph.

1878

1879 — Albert Einstein was born.
— Edison invented incandescent lamp.

1880

1881 — James A. Garfield, President, 6 mos.
— Chester A. Arthur, President.

1882 — First hydro-electric power plant in the United States installed in Appleton.

1883

1884 — Ringling Brother's first circus held in Baraboo.

Events in Stevens Point and Trinity

1874 — Trinity congregation officially created Apr. 26.
— \$40,000 fire downtown; two Norwegians caught stealing hams. Jan 3.

1876 — First high school built.

1877 — First horse drawn fire engine.

1879 — Rev E. J. Homme started Children's Home, Wittenberg.

1880 — First Sunday School at Trinity.
— Ladies' Aid organized.

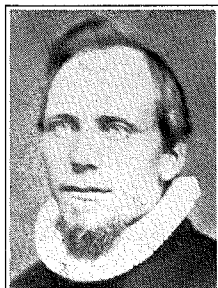
1881 — Rev. Nils Forde called. May 8.

1882 — First telephone switchboard.

1883 — First National Bank opened.

1884 — Trinity's first Confirmation Class: George Gunderson and Erik Hofsoos.

Events in our Family Births, Deaths, Baptisms, Confirmations, Marriages (1874-1884)



NILS BERGE
1870-1881



NILS FORDE
1881-1892

THE BUILDING WHICH served the German and Norwegian congregations jointly, 1874-1898, no longer exists. Mrs. Henry Pesch, member of the last German class to be confirmed in the building, recalls that it was moved to Strongs Ave., now the site of Sentry Insurance Home Office.



"THE OLD WHITE CHURCH" at the corner of Strong's and Brawley served our congregation slightly more than a half-century. The Ladies' Aid supplied the \$600 needed to buy the lot in 1898, and their financial help continued to carry a large part of the congregation's expenses during the building and finishing of the church. Their Story and Clark reed organ, purchased for the first church on Elk and Shaurette, was used in this church also until the pipe organ was installed in 1928. The Church of Christ congregation bought this building from us in 1953 and used it for about 15 years. It is now being converted into a private dwelling.



United States and World

- 1885 — Grover Cleveland, President.
— First appendectomy in U.S.
- 1886 — Statue of Liberty received from France.
- 1887 — First step toward Indian citizenship.
- 1888 — Camera roll film patented.
- 1889 — Benjamin Harrison, President.
— Eiffel Tower dedicated.
- 1890
- 1891 — First basketball game played in United States.
- 1892 — Henry Ford completed gasoline buggy.
- 1893
- 1894
- 1895 — Roentgen discovered x-ray.
— Marconi produced wireless telegraph.
- 1896 — Klondike gold rush.
- 1897 — William McKinley, President.
— United Norwegian Lutherans banned patent medicine advertising.
- 1898 — Spanish-American War.
- 1899 — Boer War.

Stevens Point and Trinity

- 1885 — Stevens Point Electric Co. began.
- 1887 — First local water utility.
— Stevens Point Brewery began.
- 1889 — Church constitution and by-laws written (in Norwegian).
- 1890 — Wis. Cent. RR moved offices out.
- 1891 — Lumber mills changed to pulp and paper.
- 1892 — Rev. I. G. Monson called, Nov. 20.
— Reactivated Sunday School, L. R. Anderson, superintendent.
— Organized a Girls' Club.
- 1893 — Opera House built.
— Citizen's National Bank began.
— Vetter's Mfg. Co. started.
- 1894 — Stevens Point Normal School began.
- 1895 — Nigbor Fur and Lullabye Furniture.
- 1896 — Rev. Christian Hovde called, Dec. 27.
— Frost Fly Company started.
- 1897 — Norwegian Lutheran's annual supper cleared \$47.00. May 17.
— Public library opened.
- 1898 — Purchased lot on corner of Strong's and Brawley. Mar. 21.
— Name changed to Trinity Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.
— Laid cornerstone; sermons in Norse and English; Amherst choir sang. Sep. 25.
— Worzalla Publishing Co. established.
- 1899 — Curfew established; those under 16 off the streets by 9 p.m.

Events in our Family (1885-1899)



INGVAR MONSON
1892-1896



CHRISTIAN HOVDE
1897-1902

"COME UNTO ME" invited the altar of our former church. Some of the appointments of this altar are still in use—the pulpit is in the chapel at Waypost Bible camp; the gold cross is often used when a worship center is set up in our Fellowship Hall. Prior to 1928 the choirs and the reed organ were located in the balcony. When the pipe organ was installed, the choir loft was relocated downstairs. The pulpit was to the right of the congregation, the organ to the left. The seating capacity was 250.



United States and World

1900 — Theodore Roosevelt elected.

1901 — First Nobel Prize awarded.

1902

1903 — Wright Brothers' first flight.
First baseball World Series.

1904

1905 — Einstein's Theory of Relativity.

1906 — San Francisco earthquake.

1907

1908 — First Model-T Ford on market.

1909 — William H. Taft, President.
— North Pole reached.

1910 — Mexican Revolution.
— Union of South Africa founded.

1911 — South Pole reached.

1912 — Republic of China established.

1913 — Woodrow Wilson, President.
— Income tax adopted.

1914 — World War I began.

Stevens Point and Trinity

1901 — Church dedication, Strong's and Brawley, Oct. 13.
— Haertel Monument established.

1903 — Rev. G. A. Sundby ordained.

1905 — Church records changed to English.

1906 — River Pines Sanitorium began.

1908 — Tornado leveled area near church.
11-25.

1909 — Soo Line leased railroad; Stevens Point division point again.

1910 — Rev. M. F. Mommsen called.

1911 — Rev. Finn Magelsen called.

1913 — Voted to have all services in English.
— Adopted New Lutheran Hymnary.
— Called first full-time pastor, T. R. Ringoen. Bought house and two lots on Church and Brawley for parsonage.
— St. Michael's Hospital completed.

1914 — Hardware Mutuals established.

Events in our Family (1900-1914)

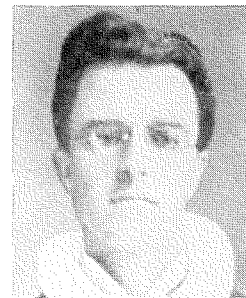
G. A. SUNDBY
1903-1910



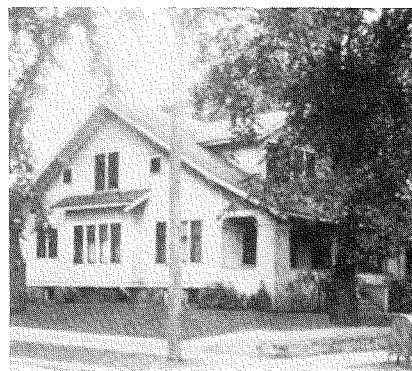
M. F. MOMMSEN
1910-1911



FINN MAGELSEN
1912-1913



OUR FIRST RESIDENT Pastor was Theodore R. Ringoen, called in 1913. To provide a residence for his family, the congregation bought a house and two lots at the intersection of Church and Brawley. The house and one lot were sold at the time this modern parsonage was built in 1919 at a cost of \$9000. It remained our parsonage until it was decided in 1967 to provide our pastors with a housing allowance rather than a house. Pastor Holtan bought this house from the congregation but later moved to Park Ridge. Presently our pastors live at 3717 Jordan Lane (Oliver) and 717 Green Ave. (Litzer).



United States and World

- 1915 — Lusitania sunk by Germans.
- 1916
- 1917 — United States entered the war.
— Bolshevik Revolution in Russia.
- 1918 — President Wilson's Fourteen Points.
- 1919 — Treaty of Versailles.
— Prohibition began.
- 1920 — 19th Amendment gave women the vote.
— League of Nations established.
- 1921 — Warren G. Harding, President.
— Unknown soldier buried at Arlington.
- 1922 — Union of Soviet Socialist Republics formed by communists.
- 1923 — Calvin Coolidge, President.
- 1924 — Death of Lenin; Stalin in power.
- 1925 — Child labor laws considered.
- 1926 — First public demonstration of television.
- 1927 — Charles A. Lindbergh flew Atlantic.
— Mt. Rushmore sculpture began.
- 1928
- 1929 — Herbert Hoover, President.
— Stock Market crashed.

Stevens Point and Trinity

- 1915 — Ladies' Aid earned \$102.82 for paper drive. (Paid "drayage" fee — \$1.45.)
- 1917 — Joerns Bros. Furniture started.
- 1919 — New parsonage built, Church and Brawley. Nearly \$9,000.
- 1921 — Women given vote in congregation.
— Weber Lifelike Fly Company started.
- 1924 — Point's first public radio transmitter.
- 1926 — Paid off mortgage on parsonage.
- 1927 — Rev. Otto Hesla called to serve here and Eau Plaine, one service per month.
- 1928 — Changed name to First English Lutheran. (Indicated services in English.)
— Purchased pipe organ.
— Ladies' Aid joined Women's Missionary Federation.

Events in our Family (1915-1929)



T. R. RINGOEN
1914-1927



OTTO HESLA
1927-1931

THE PARISH HOUSE, formerly the Martin property at 211 Brawley, adjacent to the church on the west, was purchased and remodeled for use by the church school in 1935. This brought the value of the entire church property to \$30,000 as estimated in 1939.



United States and World

- 1930 — Planet Pluto discovered.
- 1931 — Empire State Building completed.
— First synthetic rubber.
- 1932 — Bank failures.
- 1933 — Franklin D. Roosevelt, President.
— Hitler, Chancellor of Germany.
- 1934
- 1935 — Congress passed Social Security Act.
- 1936 — Germany took over Rhineland.
— Spanish Civil War began.
- 1937 — First blood bank started.
- 1938 — Munich Conference.
— Germany annexed Austria.
- 1939 — World War II began.
- 1940 — F. D. Roosevelt first president elected to third term.
— Winston Churchill became Prime Minister.
- 1941 — Japan attacked Pearl Harbor.
— Germany invaded Russia.
- 1942 — Allies invaded North Africa.
- 1943 — Churchill, Stalin and Roosevelt met at Tehran.
- 1944 — Allied landing in Normandy, D-Day.
— First eye bank opened.

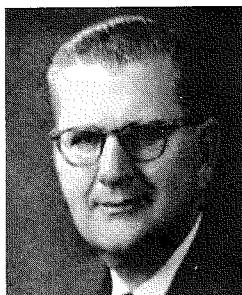
Stevens Point and Trinity

- 1930 — Gleaners organized.
- 1931 — Rev. Philip Dybvig came, Apr. 6.
- 1932 — Lutheran Daughters of the Reformation organized. (High school girls.)
- 1934 — Leroy Feiting began as organist.
- 1935 — Bought residence adjacent to church to be used as parish house.
- 1936 — Rev. Mars Dale called, June 25.
- 1937 — Lutheran Student Association on campus.
- 1938 — Began two-service worship, Feb. 18.
— P. J. Jacobs High School completed.
- 1939 — Began building fund for a new church.
- 1941 — Rev. Alf Romstad installed, Apr. 27.
— The *Bond*, parish paper; early editors W. R. Broten, Harold & Margaret Brooks.
- 1943 — Purchased lots on Clark and Rogers for future building site. June 8.
— Crooked Lake Bible Camp obtained.
— Rev. Romstad left; navy chaplain.
— Rev. C. Russell Johnson came, Nov. 7.
- 1944 — First church secretary. June Lake.

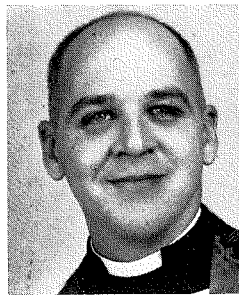
Events in our Family (1930-1944)



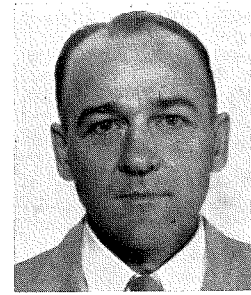
PHILLIP DYBVIG
1931-1936



MARS DALE
1936-1940



ALF ROMSTAD
1941-1943



C. RUSSELL JOHNSON
1943-1945

THE CONTEMPORARY DESIGN of our church won an award for architect Donn Hougen in 1951. A major remodeling in 1970 reversed the interior of the church, gave us a more convenient entry, and included installation of a new 33-rank pipe organ. The present baptized membership of the congregation is 1662. The church seats about 440; at the highest attendance mark, set Dec. 16, 1973, 1024 people attended the two Sunday morning services.



United States and World

1945 — Harry S. Truman, President.
— Atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima.

1946 — First meeting of United Nations.
— Atomic Energy Commission created.

1947 — Truman Doctrine.

1948 — Jewish state of Israel proclaimed.

1949 — Communists control China.
— NATO created.

1950 — Korean War began.

1951

1952

1953 — Dwight D. Eisenhower, President.
— Mt. Everest conquered.

1954

1955 — Salk polio vaccine successful.

1956

1957 — Sputnik I.

1958 — Explorer I.

1959 — Alaska and Hawaii became 49th and 50th states.

Stevens Point and Trinity

1945 — Rev. Orville Wold came, Oct. 28.
— Member G. F. Clayton was Mayor.
— Clarence Solberg and Gilbert Halverson ordained. Feb. 25.

1946 — Cradle Roll Mother's Club began.
— Synod now Evangelical Lutheran Church.

1949 — Changed name to Trinity Lutheran.
— Rev. Orvis Hanson came, Sep. 18.

1950 — Began building program.

1952 — Cornerstone laid Sep. 7.

1953 — Dedication of new church, May 24.

1954 — Rev. W. W. Frerichs came, Sep. 30.

1955 — Bob Lea, Seminarian, summer.

1956 — Rev. S. S. Klyve came, Dec. 2.

1958 — Stevens Point Centennial.
— City-County building completed.

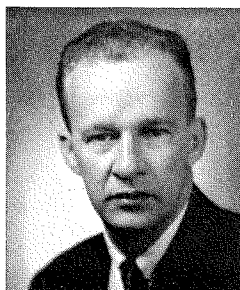
1959 — Al Erickson, first intern.

Events in our Family (1945-1959)

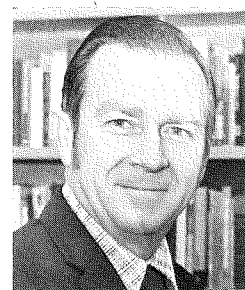
ORVILLE WOLD
1945-1949



ORVIS HANSON
1949-1954



WENDELL FRERICHS
1954-1956



THE EDUCATION BUILDING, dedicated in January, 1962 has classrooms for a church school enrollment this year of 342. Formerly the Breitenstein Apartment, it still has one apartment which was first used by our intern pastors, and since 1968 by our custodians. In the northwest corner of the first floor is the church library, which also serves as a pleasant meeting room for some circles, committees and the council.



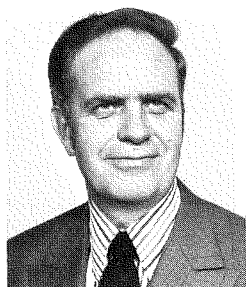
United States and World

- 1960 — First U.S. military personnel in South Vietnam.
- 1961 — John F. Kennedy, President.
— Soviet Union put man in space.
- 1962 — United States put man in space.
— Pope John XXIII convened Vatican II
- 1963 — John F. Kennedy assassinated.
— Lyndon B. Johnson, President.
- 1964 — Civil Rights Act passed.
— Kosygin, Premier of Russia.
- 1965 — White walked in space.
— Death of Sir Winston Churchill.
- 1966 — Medicare began.
— Indira Gandhi, Prime Minister, India.
- 1967 — First heart transplant.
- 1968 — Martin Luther King assassinated.
— Robert F. Kennedy assassinated.
- 1969 — Richard M. Nixon, President.
— Armstrong and Aldrin walked on moon.
- 1970 — Death of Charles de Gaulle
- 1971 — 26th Amendment lowered legal age to 18.
- 1972 — Israel Olympic team members killed by Arab terrorists.
— Death of J. Edgar Hoover.
- 1973 — POW's returned home from Vietnam.
- 1974 — Gibson, Carr and Pogue completed 84 days in space aboard Skylab III. Feb. 8.

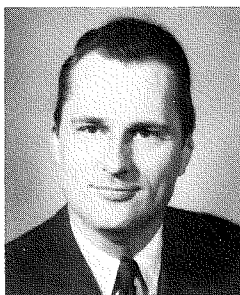
Stevens Point and Trinity

- 1960 — Purchased Education Building.
— Fred Mastad, intern.
- 1961 — ELC, UELC and ALC merged to become American Lutheran Church, Jan. 1.
— Don Nelson, intern.
— New Post Office built.
- 1962 — Vern H. Holtan installed. Mar. 18.
— Ted Greenfield, intern.
— Frank Bocker ordained June 10.
- 1963 — Paul Gilbertson, intern.
- 1964 — Eldon Olson, intern.
- 1965 — Bethel Series offered.
- 1966 — Rev. Eugene Anderson, first associate pastor installed in Jan.
- 1967 — Rev. Merton Fish, associate, Sep. 3.
— Sold parsonage to the Holtans.
- 1968 — Lance Holthusen ordained.
- 1969 — Acquired Pine St. parking lot.
— Voted for organ and remodeling.
— Ben Franklin school & YMCA began.
- 1970 — Remodeling; worship in basement.
— Rev. James Oliver, associate. Dec. 6.
— Moved into remodeled church Dec. 13.
— Peace Campus Center-Lutheran dedicated.
- 1972 — Rev. Oliver became senior pastor, Oct.
— SPASHS dedicated.
- 1973 — Rev. Dan Litzer, co-pastor, June 3.
- 1974 — Trinity Centennial

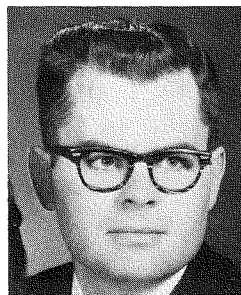
Events in our Family (1960-1974)



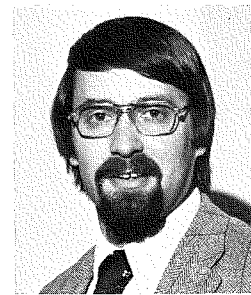
STANLEY KLYVE
1956-1962



VERN HOLTAN
1962-1972



EUGENE ANDERSON
1966-1967



MERTON FISH
1967-1970

In this special Year of our Lord, we are mindful of the debt of gratitude we owe to the men and women whose faith and dedication have brought us to this day. We all have been served; in turn, we all have the opportunity to serve others in many ways. It is impossible to list all whose lives have thus intermingled in our church and community. It is possible, however, to list the names which are recorded as presidents of our congregation since 1898:

John A. Murat
Martin L. Gordon
L. R. Anderson
A. H. Schwebke
S. K. Nelson
L. J. N. Murat
B. T. Nelson
Ralph Getman
A. C. Larson
W. O. Kalsow
Walton Murat
James Timmer
Nels Reppen
A. A. Manske
Hal Larson
Hal Graver
Henry Anderson
Leroy Fieting
Vern Holmes
Robert Drew
J. A. Erickson
Henry Hanson
George C. Becker
Albert Moldenhauer
Jack Bullis
Rudy Horn
Richard Cable



Candlelight Communion Ash Wednesday, Feb. 27, 1974

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 Myrvin Christopherson
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 William Zimdars, Secretary
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 Milo Harpstead
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Warren Peterson

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 Patricia Hubbard

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Neal Johnson

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 Lois Hagen
 Lenore Jirovec

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 Roland and Lorene Trytten

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Commitment: A Cause for Rejoicing

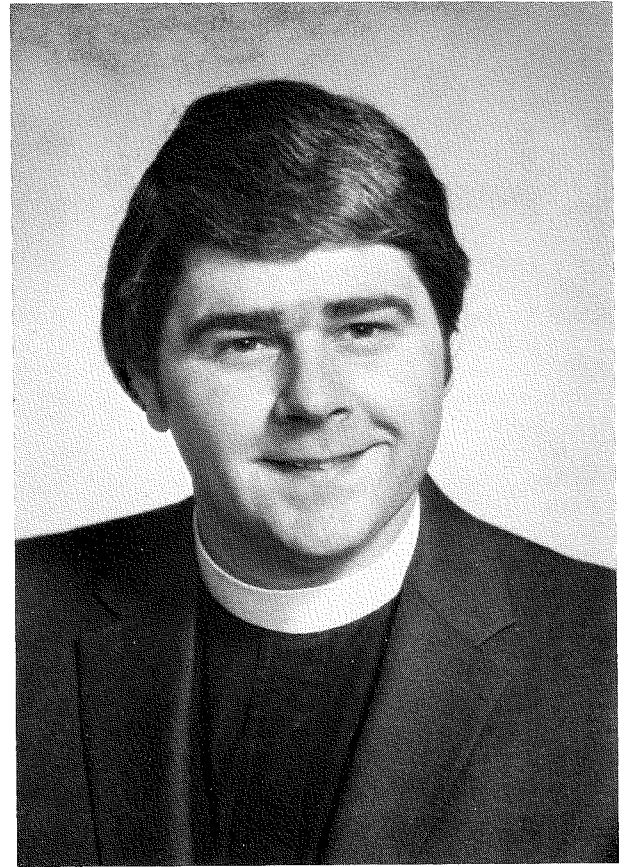
Rejoice! Rejoice! A time for celebration is upon us. A time of thankfulness, a time of remembering, and a time of joy.

You, as the people of God, have been a part of something which has worked with a mighty hand for the past one hundred years. A church . . . building and bells, steeples and choirs, music and prayer, work and care, bricks and mortar. By itself the building stands hollow and empty. Into this emptiness comes life and breath . . . word and action . . . laughter and tears . . . joy and emotion. Into this building people come, bringing life, vitality, meaning and purpose. Into us the Lord has breathed the breath of life and the church has become His body visible in the world.

During this year we celebrate not a building or an institution, but a people who, for the past one hundred years, have gathered together in His Name to do His tasks. We can rejoice today that this congregation has been preserved for the past one hundred years.

Much has happened within our world during this span of history. Transition, motion and discovery have changed the shape and fabric beyond measure. How amazed our forefathers would be if they could come back and see the world as we know it today. In spite of the many changes, the Word of God continues with meaning . . . with relevance . . . with impact in the lives and hearts of the people. We can rejoice this day that, in spite of our history of peace and war, prosperity and poverty, the ministry of Word and Deed has been preserved in the midst of our changing world.

It is well and good to look to the past with thankfulness and joy. We need the encouragement and security our past can give. But as people of God, we must look to the present to the task and mission of continuing to be the Church. There is joy in our past, but we dare not rest on the merits and worth of our forefathers. Today, in this moment, we are the Church. As we move into the second hundred years, let us move with renewed commitment, renewed faithfulness and renewed determination.



DANIEL LITZER

"Rejoice in the Lord always . . . and again I say rejoice!" Yes, Trinity has a cause for rejoicing in its past, its present and, we pray, its future. Make this celebration a time of personal commitment and rejoice that you and your family are a part of God's work. May we take Paul's words literally and have a cause to rejoice always . . . in our past, our present and our future.

Pastor Daniel Litzer

HIGHLIGHTS OF TRINITY'S CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Saturday, April 27, 1974

5:45 p.m. Old Fashioned Potluck Dinner
7:30 p.m. Candlelight Communion Service
Presentation of Centennial Banner prepared by Art League
Presentation of "Landmark Church of our Faith" plaque
Special guests-Pastor Vern Holtan, Seminarian Paul Hedquist; Orwoll Hagen, Chairman

Century Sunday, April 28

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship Services
Dr. Alvin Rogness, Guest Speaker
Pastor James Oliver
2:30-4:30 p.m. Open House for the community
Dr. Arthur Fritschel, Chairman

Tuesday, April 30

7:30 p.m. An Oratorio "The Ascension of Jesus Christ"
By Dr. Leon R. Smith
Dedicated to Trinity Lutheran Church on the Occasion of their Centennial

Sunday, May 5

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship Services
Church School Sunday
Pastor Daniel Litzer

Tuesday, May 7

6:00 p.m. Mother-Daughter Centennial Banquet

Sunday, May 12

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship Services
Trinity Lutheran Church Women
Nancy Schroeder, Chairman

Friday, May 17

4:00-8:00 p.m. Syttende Mai Smorgasbord
Norwegian Traditions
Edna Kline, Lorene Trytten, Phyllis VanDien
in charge

Sunday, May 19

Second Century Sunday — A Look to the Future

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship Services
Bishop Vernon Anderson, Guest Speaker
John Hedquist and Don Pryor, Chairmen

Sunday, May 26

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship Services
Youth Sunday
9:30 a.m. Graduation Breakfast
Pastor Daniel Litzer

Sunday, June 2

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship Services
Confirmation and Rededication Sunday
Presentation of Trinity's Confirmation
Family Album, Laurence Rasmussen in charge
Pastor James Oliver





Amid a world of change, these things remain -

God's eternal invitation:

Come unto Me.

God's eternal commission:

Love one another.

Go . . . Teach . . . Baptize.

God's eternal promise:

Lo, I am with you.