

Trinity Lutheran Church
HISTORICAL NOTES
Pastor 27, 1970-1987

27. RICHARD A. SWEDBERG (1970-1987)

This section of notes covers only 1970-1975.
A second section of notes covers 1976-1987.

Richard Swedberg became Trinity's next pastor less than five months after Ryberg's departure (on 18 January 1970). Armin Weng served as vice pastor during the interim, from 1/19/70 to 6/1/70 (or 1/18 to 6/6), was paid \$50/mo. and given a \$100 gift at the end. Swedberg was interviewed by the Council on January 26. On February 9 the Council voted unanimously to call him at a salary of \$8,400 and the free use of the parsonage, parsonage utilities, 12% pension, 12¢/mile, 4-weeks vacation, 2-weeks continuing education, \$180 book allowance, hospital, medical & death benefit, and social security reimbursement. On March 1 the Congregation called him by a vote of 110 to 2. He was installed by Dr. Albert Buhl at the 9:15 AM service on June 7 (a reception was held from 3 to 5 PM). He attended his first Council meeting as pastor on June 10.

Pastor Swedberg was 47 years old when he arrived (turned 48 the following month)...and exactly 65 when he resigned and retired 17+ years later. He was born on 29 July 1922 near Pillager, MN (Morrison County, Rosing Twp.). His father was Andrew Swedberg, Jr., who was born in Sweden and worked as a school custodian (he died in 1972). His mother was Agnes P.E. nee Anderson, born in Rockford, IL. Richard was baptized on 24 December 1922 at First Lutheran Church, in Pillager. He was confirmed there on 1 August 1937. He attended Pillager Public School for grades 1-12. From 1940 to 1944 he attended Gustavus Adolphus College, in St. Peter, MN (BA, 1944). From 1944-1948 he attended Augustana Seminary, Rock Island (BD/MDiv, 1948). His internship was served (1945-46) at several parishes in North Dakota. In 1948 he was ordained at the Centennial Synod meeting of the Augustana Synod in Rock Island.

His first parish was in Canada, Central Lutheran Church, Regina, Saskatchewan; he served there from July 1948 to May 1954. From 1949 to 1952 he was South Saskatchewan District President. From May 1954 to November 1960 he was pastor of Mamrelund Lutheran Church, Kent City, Michigan. From November 1960 to May 1970, he was pastor of Augustana Lutheran Church, Andover, IL. Trinity, Mt. Morris, was his last parish, from June 1970 to July 1987.

On 9 December 1946 he married Doris Lillian Pearson, of Hallock, MN, at Hallock. Their children are Mary Beth (died in 1986), Miriam Ruth, Jean Kristine, Carol, Joel, Katherine, and Amy.

Pastor Swedberg's ministry at Trinity was second in length only to that of Clarence Hightower. His ministry shows signs of faithful effort to save the church from seemingly inevitable decline. At the end of Ryberg's tenure average church attendance had declined to 241 (1969), and during 1975 it was 208 (having been 193 the previous year). A "terrific drop in attendance" is noted in the summer of 1971. Total church membership was down by the end of 1975 from 894 (in 1969) to 816, confirmed from 690 to 632, communicants from 517 to 392, active members

from 572 to 485. Efforts to increase church attendance are frequently referred to. At the end of 1974 59 people were removed as inactive. Care was taken that the congregation meet its expenses. While 1970-1973 were years when receipts fell short of budget (\$497-\$3,061), 1974 and 1975 were years when receipts exceeded the budget (\$1,922 and \$2,672). No serious shortages were faced.

A letter of praise and support for the new pastor was sent by Vice President Robert A. Urish in October 1971:

"I would surely be remiss if I did not take time to thank you on behalf of our Congregation and the Church Council for the imagination, leadership and just plain hard work you put into the planning and successful execution of Trinity's 125th Anniversary Celebration.... In my humble opinion you are doing a grand job as pastor of Trinity. We have a long way to go and much work remains to be done, but I think I perceive some new awakenings in our congregation. I can only imagine how hard you are working and would caution you to get your rest and reserve some time for yourself and your family. It is a real joy to work with you in the Lord's kingdom."

In 1973 the congregation celebrated Swedberg's 25th anniversary of ordination. A note of exuberance is found in the 1974 annual report: a new stewardship program had led to an oversubscribed budget, and a new organ had been dedicated. The year 1975 is noted for an increase in church attendance, the beginning of the congregational phase of the Bethel Bible Study Program, and another successful pledging campaign. A serious problem in the community, however, is noted:

"There are serious problems in our community that touch the lives of many of our people. The prolonged strike at Kables and the down turn in work locally has caused a lot of disruption in the lives of the members of Trinity. Lay-offs, early retirements, resignations, etc. have caused considerable pain and strain. Some of our members moved, more will move, and some things may still get worse before they can get better.

"It's necessary for us to make a concerted effort to ask for God's help. God alone can change the present situation. Management and labor probably need to re-think their present stances. No settlement appears to be in sight as long as both sides stay where they have been. Many of you are affected. Though some members of Trinity are not directly affected, since it touches our brothers and sisters in Christ it touches us. Let's pray that God's will might be done. Likely some of us will have to be changed to accomplish that.

"1976 is Trinity's 130th year. This year should see us in a resurgence of participation in the Church of Christ. God has much work to do in Mount Morris. Part of that will be done only as we in Trinity allow God to work through us as His ministers. Yes, every faithful Christian is a minister. We are called upon to serve our fellowman by seeking the ways we can minister to the spiritual and physical needs of our neighbor. There are people who are discouraged, depressed and broken-hearted. If we will heed God's calls to minister, He will bless and empower us for that task."

Thus the congregation faced the next decade with some clear goals: 10% increase in church attendance, develop friendliness and concern, seek at least 30 new members, develop a better youth program, training for SCS teachers, more faithful SCS attendance, and recruitment of more students by Bethel teachers.

The church staff received the following Christmas gifts:

1970 turkey to Pastor, secretary, sexton
\$25 to Pinecrest in name of other staff
1971 turkey to Pastor, secretary, sexton
1972 turkey to Pastor, secretary, sexton
1973 \$100 and turkey to Pastor, turkey to secretary
1974 \$200 and turkey to Pastor, turkey/ham to secretary and sexton
1975 \$300 and turkey to Pastor, \$50 and turkey/ham to secretary,
turkey/ham to two sextons

ORGAN -

On 12 May 1974 Trinity dedicated a new pipe organ. The Dedication Booklet contained the following "Historical Highlights Leading to This Organ":

"Reed organs and pianos were a part of the history of Trinity's musical instruments. It was not until October of 1920 that the congregation authorized the purchase of a pipe organ at the same time that they approved rebuilding the Church. In May of 1921 a contract was let to the Max Schuelke Organ Company of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, for a pipe organ at the cost of \$3,800, `exclusive of wind ducts, electrical connections and necessary carpenter work.'

"On April 23, 1922, the Schuelke Organ was dedicated. The Organ recital was played by Mrs. S.F. Snyder of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, as a part of the Diamond Jubilee Celebration. The organ built in 1922 was moved and changed somewhat when installed in our present sanctuary in 1952. \[This report fails to note that a new Moeller organ was installed in the previous church in 1925. See Hightower notes.\]

"Remarks in the minutes of the Worship and Music Committee since 1964 have spoken about the need for a new instrument, possible move of organ to the balcony, move old console out to an open area, problems of humidity and upkeep. It was in 1967 that some positive action was taken to authorize the hiring of an Organ Consultant to inspect the organ and give a written report on his finding and recommendations. His two page report confirmed the need of a new organ.

"By the end of 1970 the need was so apparent that an Organ Pilot Committee was formed. It consisted of: Mrs. Ben Colvin, Ernest Hachmeister, Donald Horst, Mrs. Warren Reckmeyer, Al Kalnins and Pastor Swedberg.

"They reported to the Council in March of 1971 and as a result the Council appointed an Organ Planning Committee. This consisted of Mrs. Ben Colvin as chair person, Ernest Hachmeister as secretary, Mrs. Charles Diehl, Maurie Hahn, O.A. Hanke, Olie Hiteman, Donald Horst, Al Kalnins, Mrs. Reckmeyer, Ted Swan, and the Pastor. They began a study of our organ needs and in September of 1971 brought a recommendation that Trinity seek a bid for a new organ from the H.A. Howell Organ Company of Dixon, Illinois.

"The Church Council called a Congregational Meeting for October 17, 1971 and the congregation authorized a new organ, if pledges of \$30,000 could be obtained for this project. This amount together with a maximum of \$10,000 from investments would finance this project.

"A special Fund Appeal for the organ was launched on January 30th, 1972 to raise \$30,000 for this project. Committee members were: Robert Urish, Mrs. Ben Colvin, Charles Diehl, Ernest Hachmeister, John Sundvall, Don Horst, Mrs. Emerson Borneman and Mrs. Richard Short, with O.A. Hanke as consultant. After a successful pledging that eventually resulted in \$40,452 in cash, pledges, and memorials, the project was launched. The contract was signed on April 27, 1972.

"The organ is now completely installed. The Organ Building Committee has consisted of: Mrs. Ben Colvin as chair person, Ernest Hachmeister as secretary, and Larry Claussen, T. Castle, Al Kalnins, Mrs. Warren Reckmeyer, Mrs. Earl Unger and Robert A. Urish."

Other notes from the booklet include:

- + The two who probably gave the most time and effort are Mrs. Ben Colvin and Ernest Hachmeister.
- + Dick Park prepared the Fund Appeal Brochure.
- + Dave Warkins donated his carpentry skill to build the well for the organ console.
- + Money in memory of the following persons was received: Mr. & Mrs. Frank Baker, Mr. & Mrs. Henry Dohlen, Mrs. Elsie Floto, Charles Frey, Henry Frey, Horace Hedgcock, Mrs. Ethelyn Jewett, Mrs. Ann Powers, Edward Schnulle, Sr., Mrs. Betty Secky, Mr. & Mrs. John Stengel, Melvin Tuttle, Ralph Zickuhr, and John Zumdahl.
- + The organ is H.A. Howell Pipe Organ No. 1032. It was designed to accompany congregational, choir, and solo singing, to provide for organ solos from all the major musical periods and for an occasional organ recital. It has 34 ranks.

The organ tonal design was completed by Curt G. Schmitt, tonal designer for the Howell Pipe Organ Co. The physical layout and mechanical design of the instrument was accomplished by Mr. H.A. Howell. The organ was constructed in the Howell factory in Dixon over a two-year period. The pipes came from Milwaukee, Alliance (OH), Germany, and Holland. Eleven stops were retained from the former organ and parts of two other stops are from the former organ. The mechanical portions are new and of the latest all-electric design.

The pipes are divided into three divisions: the Great (lower keyboard) containing 843 pipes; the Swell (upper keyboard) containing 573 pipes; and the Pedel (foot keyboard) containing 248 pipes. The pipes of the Swell are enclosed in a chamber, while the pipes of the Great and the Pedal are displayed on either side of the chancel in a functional arrangement. The natural silver of the pipes is allowed to show. These pipes are usually made of an alloy of tin and lead, with the largest pipes made of zinc to provide more stability.

This organ is obviously custom designed for this church, both physically and tonally. It is a totally unique instrument.

The organ was dedicated by the Rev. Dr. Albert H. Buhl, assistant to the President of the Illinois Synod (LCA), who also preached the sermon in this morning (9:30 AM?) service. Curt Schmitt (tonal designer) joined Mrs. Warren Reckmeyer as an organist for the service. (He returned on 20 April 1975 for a mini-concert and hymn-sing.) Mrs. Ben Colvin presented the organ, and Ernest Hachmeister served as lector.

In the afternoon at 4 PM a Dedicatory Organ Recital, with 247 in attendance, was presented by Robert Reeves, assistant professor of organ at Northern Illinois University (DeKalb) and director of music at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Evanston. Reeves played selections by Buxtehude, Bach, Couperin, Alain, Franck, and Widor. The Chancel and Altar Society served a reception in the Fellowship Hall following the recital.

The Special Congregational Meeting resolution on 17 October 1971, passed by a vote of 94 to 25, specified that the new organ use as much of the old as possible and an estimated cost (by Howell) of \$34,800 plus carpentry, or about \$40,000, and requiring two years to build. Over half

of the needed money was pledged in the first ten months. Gifts are listed totaling \$53,310 (\$720 in 1971, \$20,850 in 1972, \$11,794 in 1973, and \$14,302 in 1974). Howell was paid \$41,099, and miscellaneous expenses of \$810 were listed. Beginning in the Fall of 1973, the congregation used two pianos (only one for early communion) while the organ was being installed. Payments (pledges and gifts) were completed on 5 January 1975.

On 10 June 1974 the following resolution was passed by the Council:

"That the organ of our church be available for practicing by members of our congregation who are trained organists or who are receiving organ instructions; and that qualified organists, not members of our congregation whom brides may want to play for a wedding be allowed to play for such a purpose; and that special requests by non-members for use of the organ for practice or a recital be referred to a committee of three for decision, such committee to be composed of our chief organist, the chairman of the Worship and Music Committee, and the Pastor."

125th ANNIVERSARY

The 125th anniversary of the church was celebrated on 24 October 1971 (20th Sunday after Trinity). An Anniversary Booklet was prepared by Les Lundgren, edited by the Pastor, with layout by Richard Park. It includes a 3½-page brief history of Trinity and four pages of highlights and pictures. Dr. Gerald Johnston was originally announced as speaker. However, at the 10:30 AM Festive Worship Service (following SCS at 9:30 AM), Pastor Alfred H. Stone preached ("People, Presence, Purpose"), Pastor Harry R. Allen was liturgist, and Pastor Richard E. Horst was lector. A carry-in meal was served at 12:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. At 2 PM Pastor Swedberg was master of ceremonies for an Anniversary Program in the Fellowship Hall at which there was Special Music by a group of high school students and the honoring of some older members and the speakers were Allen, Horst, Stone, and Pastor Sherwood Nelson. Allen was recently retired from St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Kansas City, Mo., and now living in Leawood, Ks. Horst was associate chaplain at Rockford Memorial Hospital. Nelson was serving Bethel Lutheran Church in the Englewood area of Chicago. And Stone was senior pastor at the University Lutheran Church, in Seattle.

Phil Orr served as chairman of the Anniversary Committee. The offering that day totaled \$523.25, costs were \$907 - the celebration was considered most successful.

A 27 October 1971 article in the Mt. Morris Times adds the following information:

- + Approximately 425 members and friends attended the morning worship service, approximately 250 enjoyed the afternoon pot-luck and program.
- + Swedberg opened the afternoon program by reading a letter from Mrs. H.E. Zimmerman, of Kansas City, Mo., whose husband had been Trinity pastor during the time that Pastor Harry Allen was in Sunday School (she was his teacher).
- + "Pastor Allen told of his life in Mount Morris where he was born and lived 20 years, and the influence the town and its people had on him as a child and a young man. During that time the college was in operation and he said that 'because of the college and students, Mount Morris was a better town,' and that all the college students had a goal in life. The influence of the town on him was of an educational nature. He said his

Sunday School teacher, Sol E. Avey, father of Syril Avey, and Frank Baker, father of Dallas Baker, also had a great influence on him as did his basketball coach, Harvey Long. He told of his marriage to Ruth Kabele, daughter of TLC's pastor at that time, and of his first parish in Juneau, Alaska, where the congregation today is still using a Communion set sent there by Trinity Lutheran Church of Mount Morris. In conclusion he said that 'what we need today is self discipline, and it is the church that can do it.' He also is responsible for the word, Trinity, which he proposed in 1921 for the church's name."

+ "Richard Horst, presently chaplain at Rockford Memorial Hospital, said his interest in becoming a pastor was motivated by his parents and their faith, by his Sunday School teachers including Mrs. Walter Ubben, and by several TLC pastors including Rev. C. Hightower, Rev. Art Neumann, and Pastor Al Stone, who he said did the most toward helping him to become a pastor by his personal concern and caring about others. He was influenced and motivated by people in the community, including Robert Urish. The grant provided him by TLC was another source of motivation. In closing, Chaplain Horst urged that TLC continue to motivate people toward becoming pastors, missionaries, and also to motivate them toward becoming interested in the challenging field of chaplaincy."

+ "Pastor Sherwood Nelson of Chicago told how he became a Lutheran in Mount Morris after meeting his wife, the former Patsy Schnulle, and how he was influenced to become a minister through people like Adam Hecker, Pastor Stone, and L.C. Lundgren. He noted that Mr. Lundgren had once told him that the 'pulse of where strength is in the church is in the laymen.' He suggested that parents destroy the myths their children may have about Chicago where there are also those who really 'care' about others, and invited those in attendance to visit the city and its vast sources of culture."

+ Pastor Stone "told some about his family. His wife Arletta (Kay) remained at home with her mother whom some Mount Morris people may remember. His youngest daughter, Debbie, is 25, single, and on the nursing staff in a Seattle hospital. Judy, 27, has been married six years and with her husband spent two years with the Peace Corps in Turkey. At present she is living in New York where she is completing studies toward receiving a doctoral degree in January."

+ "Mrs. Fred Rieken was honored for being a TLC member since April 23, 1905 and Syril Avey was honored for being a member since April 16, 1911. Also honored for being the oldest members of the church were Mrs. Ben Price and Charles Stengel."

+ "A group of youth from TLC under the direction of Mrs. Warren Reckmeyer presented two special songs with guitar accompaniment by Joel Swedberg. Among those attending the program were...Mrs. Gene (Bertha) Wolken and her husband and sons John, James, and Daniel of Edwardsburg, Mich. Mrs. Wolken was Pastor Stone's secretary from 1952-54."

+ "The festive occasion ended with a note of sadness when word came following the program that TLC member L.C. Lundgren, who was assistant chairman of the Anniversary celebration committee, had passed away at his home."

BETHEL BIBLE SERIES

On 11 September 1972 Mr. Hal Hueschen, of Bethel Lutheran Church, Madison, WI, spoke to the Church Council and the Christian Education Committee about the Bethel Series, an adult Bible study program. In October 1972 the decision was made to enroll in the program. Initial expenses of \$897 were provided from the Lundgren Memorial Fund. In 1973

(July 22 to August 3), Pastor Swedberg and Dolores (Dohlen) Henzler attended the Bethel Orientation Clinic in Madison. Teacher-training classes (eight trainees?) began in January 1974. In November 1975 the congregational phase of the Bethel Bible Study Program began with 53 of 60 people enrolled already by June.

KEY `73 was a special interdenominational project on evangelism. In October 1972, nine members attended a Key `73 meeting with a film. The crusade was to begin at Trinity on 3 December 1972. A task force was appointed to cooperate with other churches in special activities. In April 1973 it was agreed to join other churches in compiling a list of the unchurched. In May and September 1973, known non-church members were visited. On 23 September 1973 a Key `73 pulpit exchange by the Mt. Morris Council of Churches was held.

EARLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION was studied by a task force in January 1972. The LCA was recommending confirmation early in the 10th grade and early communion toward the end of the 5th grade. In October Pastor Swedberg issued a 2½-page report, and in January the congregation adopted the new plan. Early communion training was gradually taken down to the fifth grade - the first class was of ten 8th graders on 7 October 1973. Another First Communion was held on 5 October 1975. Confirmation was regularly held on the last Sunday of September. For a while the 8th and 9th grade catechetical classes were held from 9 to 11 on alternate Saturdays. Campfirmation at Camp Augustana was regular during these years; the congregation often subsidized (e.g. 50%).

In 1971 an acolyte program was started with six boys. In 1973 girls were first permitted to serve as acolytes, and it was said members of the confirmation class may be acolytes, if they wish.

Service times fluctuated some during these years. In the summer of 1970 (4/26-8/31) the service was at 9:15. In 1971 Pastor Swedberg and the Council suggested new times of 8 and 10:30 (with SS at 9:15), and this was tried during the summer of 1971. Toward the end of the summer (8/9/71) the service was set for 9:30 AM with SS at 10:30, and on holy communion Sundays the services were held at 8 & 9:15 with SS at 10:30. This continued in 1972...with an additional communion service on the Thursday of communion week from 11:45 to 12:15. In 1974 the 9:15 communion service time was changed to 9:30. At the end it seems the regular service was at 9:30 AM, and on communion Sundays an 8 AM service was added.

Christmas Eve services were generally held at 7 or 7:30 (family service) and 11 PM (candlelight). Attendances were 266 (1969), 298 (1970), 228 (1973), etc. Thanksgiving services varied from Wednesday evening to Thursday morning, generally at one of the local churches. Rally Day was held on the first Sunday of September in 1970. In 1969 there was no Children's Christmas program due to the lack of a leader. In 1970, Mrs. Swedberg reinstituted it on December 20, and the turnout (218) was considered poor. In 1972, when Christmas Eve fell on a Sunday, the Sunday School program and worship were combined in the morning, and later services were held at 7:30 and 11. In 1973, the program was given on the Sunday before Christmas at 7:30 PM (171 attending). In 1975 it was held on December 21 at 7:30 PM. On 30 November 1975 a carry-in dinner was held to begin the SCS Advent-Christmas observance. Beginning in 1973, films were substituted for SS classes in July and August.

Vacation Church School was regularly held by Trinity whether or not there was also a community VBS. VBS leaders included Mrs. Everett Lundin (3-7 Aug. 1970, 43 attending), Mrs. Keller Hightower and Mrs. John Sundvall (June 1971, 36 attending, K-6), Darlene Raney and Ann Page (June 1973, 1974, 1975 - 54, 68, & ? attending).

Lenten services included Ash Wednesday at 7, Thursday evening services at 7, Maundy Thursday holy communion at 1 and 7, Good Friday 3-hour services at one of the local churches and 7 PM service at Trinity, and Easter services at 6 and 10:30 (1971) or 9:30 (1973 and 1974, probably 1972 as well). Coffee Hour was served after the Lenten services by TLCW (at least as early as '73). In 1975 the 7 PM services were moved to 7:15. Tenebrae services were held, omitted in 1974, and in 1975 it was decided to hold Tenebrae every other year. In 1974 Trinity participated in a pulpit exchange during Lent with Morrison, Sterling, Milledgeville, and Polo (services at Trinity were on Thursdays at 7). The youth regularly served Easter breakfast between the two Easter services, at 7 PM. In 1970 they served over 100 and made a profit of \$31.

Church Picnics were regularly held at Camp Emmaus: 6/10/73, service at church and informal service at picnic; 6/23/74, 9:30 service at church and 11 service at Camp Emmaus. But in 1975 the Outdoor Ministries Camp in Oregon first became available, and the picnic was held there on 29 June 1975 - with a 9:30 service at church and a 11 service at the camp.

A Special Recognition Service for High School Grads was held in 1973 on the first Sunday in June, again on 5/26/74. On 5/25/75 the Student Recognition Sunday was combined with a Youth Sunday (one of several Sundays a year planned by the youth). College Student Recognition Sundays were held on 12/27/70, (probably 1971 and 1972 as well), 12/30/73 (combined with Servicemen Recognition Day), 9/29/74, and 12/28/75. In 1971 Pastor Swedberg held a special communion service during the Christmas holidays for students, servicemen, and any others (to enable them to commune when they would no longer be in town on the next communion Sunday). This was a continuing practice, it seems.

Coffee Hour in the Chapel following the service began on 7 January 1973 on a trial basis, the LOYAL Class providing the coffee; a good turnout was reported by the Evangelism Committee. On 12 February 1973 and again in February 1974 the decision was made to continue Coffee Hour.

In February 1970, Anita Stauffer was a student at Yale Divinity School. In Dec. 1970 she preached here. The congregation pledged support of \$400/yr. with no reimbursement if she stayed in church work for three years. In December 1972 she was liturgist on the Sunday before Christmas and preacher at the 11 PM Christmas Eve service. On 29 May 1973, after her graduation, she was honored at Coffee Hour and given a gift of \$100. On 3 June 1973 she was ordained by the Minnesota Synod.

On 4 July 1971 the Rev. P. Johannes Martin, president of the Lutheran Seminary in Rajahmundry, India, preached at both services. On 23 September 1973 a pulpit exchange of community pastors was held for Key '73. On 1 December 1974 Missionary Wilbert Ericson and his wife paid a visit. The Gideons were refused permission to speak in 1971, given five minutes in 1972, invited in 1975. Regular benevolence gifts of \$25 were given whether or not they spoke (see financial report). Cantate Sunday (church music Sunday) was regularly observed in May, the choirs providing

the music.

The statistics of these years look like this:

	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975
baptized	204	191	189	198	184	175	184
confirmed	690	680	687	695	681	632	632
total	894	871	876	893	865	807	816
communing	517	418	454	418	441	398	392
active	572	525	534	507	537	494	485
avg ch att	241	214	214	200	202	193	208
SS enroll/att		211/110	191/104	205/103	208/104	193/88	198/91
baptisms		12	9	13	9	5	13
adult bap/conf			7	3	1	3	3
youth conf.		14	14	10	14	8	9
transfers to		9	14	15	8	21	22
transfers from		37	21	6	31	16	20
marriages		8	10	7	7	7	5
funerals (mem/non-m)		7/0	8/5	9/2	10/3	8/3	7/3

The financial reports of these years look like this:

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1970 General	34,018	31,550	57.3/60	7,331	429	226	4,425	720
2,404								
Benevolence	19,603	19,603	35.6/35	18,175	600	600	150	25
25 25								
Cap Exp & Dep.	3,200	3,880	7 / 5					(world
miss.) (Missionary								
Total	56,821	55,033						
Paul Swedberg)								
Cap Fs Inv Ttl	20,500							
Cath. Miller Legacy	1,000							
Elsie Floto Estate	2,500*							
Bern. Dahlberg Est.	1,000*		* = new					
C.A. Wishard Trust	11,000*(some)							
Aug. Pieper Estate	5,000							
(\$497 underreceived on budget of \$55,420)								
1971 General	35,256	34,710	58.5/60	8,820	518	138	4,428	720
2,035								
Benevolence	20,550	20,550	34.6/35	18,000	600	910	80	25
116 400 373 40								
Cap Exp & Dep	4,067	4,077	6.9/ 5					(also ICYE)
(Bethel) (SemStd) (LCAA) (Rev.J.								
Total	59,873	59,337						
Martin)								
Cap Fs Inv Ttl	23,094							
Wishard/new	2,594							
(\$544 underreceived on budget of \$57,050)								

1972 General	34,841	34,606	60/58.5	9,300	561	296	4,531	720
2,085								
Benevolence	22,109	22,109	38.2/35	19,700	600	801		25
400 400 128 50								
Cap Exp & Dep	3,804	1,067	1.8/6.2				(also ICYE)	
(Bethel) (SemStd) (Il.Syn. (IlSy.								
Total	60,754	57,782	(but minutes say more paid out than taken in)					
Emgy.Rel.Fund) LCAA)								
Cap Fs Inv Ttl	31,004							
Wishard Trust	16,454	(2,000 new)						
L.C.Lundgren Est.	5,050							
(\$3,061 underreceived on budget of \$61,455)								
							(&accomp)	
1973 General	36,637	36,819	63/63	9,600	590	448	4,706	720
2,641								
Benevolence	21,841	21,675	37/37	19,700	600	780		25
100 192 272								
Cap Exp & Dep	(100)	(1,692)	- none budgeted					
(LWR)								
Total	58,478	58,494						
Cap Fs Inv Ttl	32,473							
Jeanette Piek	1,000							
(\$1,364 underreceived on budget of \$58,800)								
1974 General	39,507	38,332	/64	10,000	503	335	5,225	720
2,715								
Benevolence	23,030	21,939	/36	19,700	600	762		25
642 20 10 140								
Cap Exp & Dep	700	524					(& ICYE)	
(Hunger Ap.) (LWR) (DWM-								
Total	63,237	60,795						
(LWA) India)								
Cap Exp. Inv.	1974	1975						
Cath. S. Miller Leg.	1,000	1,000						
Bern. Dahlberg Est.	1,000	1,000						
Jeanette Piek Est.	1,000	1,000						
L.C. Lundgren Est.	5,689	6,116						
C.A. Wishard Trust	17,548	18,147						
August Pieper Est.	5,420	5,797						
Dorothy Bock		500						
Total								
(\$1,922 overreceived on budget of \$59,200)								
1975 General	44,191	42,479	/65	11,000	613	339	5,201	720
2,102								
Benevolence	25,427	25,363	/35	21,600	600	937		72
1,397 510								
Cap Exp & Dep	1,674	2,828		(=\$900 extra)	(&ICYE)			
(IlSnLCAA - (Fletcher F.)								
Total	71,292	70,670						Love
Compels Action)								
(\$2,672 overreceived on budget of \$64,125)								

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PROPOSED BUDGETS

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Sexton
SemSt Gideons

1971	General	34,025	8,820	1,000	4,500		2,400
	Benevolence	20,025	18,000	600	850	400	25
	Ch. & Pars.	3,000					
	Improv. Fund						
		57,050					
1975	General	41,900	11,000	1,000	5,500	720	2,500
	Benevolence	22,225	20,700	600	900		25
		64,125					
1976	General	46,025	12,000	1,000	5,500	720	2,500
	Benevolence	23,225	21,700	600	900		25
		69,245					

CONGREGATION COUNCIL

1970	T. John Condit 8	Don R. Cornelius 3	Fred O. Hand 12,11
	Mrs. Cath. Tuttle 7	Mrs. Rich. Park 5 Secy	Wm. Hiteman VP
	Robt. A. Urish 1	Everett E. Lundin 10	Leslie Lundgren 4 TR
	Philip L. Orr 6	David L. Rahn 2	Floyd W. Markham 9
1971	T.M. Castle 6	T. John Condit 6	Don R. Cornelius 3
	Franklyn Balluff 8	Mrs. C. Tuttle 7	Mrs. Rich. Park 5 Secy
	Carl Personette 9	Robt. A. Urish VP	Everett E. Lundin 9
	Mrs. Earl Unger 1	Philip L. Orr 4 Tr.	David L. Rahn 2
1972	Larry Claussen 2	T.M. Castle 6	John Condit 6
	Charles Diehl 3	Frank Balluff 8	Mrs. C. Tuttle 7
	John Sundvall 1	Carl Personette 9	Robt. A. Urish 10 VP
	Warren Ubben 9	Mrs. Earl Unger 5 Secy	Philip Orr - 4 Tr
1973	Emerson Borneman 6	Larry Claussen 8	T.M. Castle 4 Tr
	Loren Scheffler 8	Charles Diehl 10 VP	Frank Balluff 2
	Don Horst 6	John Sundvall 1	Thelma Unger 5 Secy
	Wes Witt 3	Warren Ubben 7/9	Carl Personette 7/9
	(Personette resigned in June, moving to Effingham, replaced in August by Elwin Zumdahl)		
1974	Mrs. Jer. Holley Secy	Emerson Borneman 6	Larry Claussen 1 8
	David Warkins 1 8	Loren Scheffler 2	Charles Diehl 10 VP
	Phil Wessels 4 Tr	Don Horst 6	John Sundvall 5
	Elwin Zumdahl 2	Wes Witt 3	Warren Ubben 7/9
	(Claussen resigned in August, replaced in Sept. by John Shindle)		
1975	Mary Ellen Bearman 5	Marcia Holley 7 Secy	Emerson Borneman 6
	Dennis Hoffmeister 1	David Warkins 1	Loren Scheffler 7/9]
	Doug Raney 2	Phil Wessels 4	Don Horst VP
	John Shindle 6	Elwin Zumdahl 2	Wes Witt 3
	(Shindle resigned in Aug. to move to Rockford, replaced by Walter LeFevre)		

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2. Church Property	9. Ushering
3. Evangelism	10. Memorial Fund
4. Finance	11. Service to Servicemen
5. Social Ministry	12. Community Relations

6. Stewardship
7. Worship & Music

13. Long-Range Planning

Synod Delegates -

- 1972 - Robert A. Urish
- 1973 - Carl Personette & John Sundvall (first year of two delegates)
- 1974 - Mr. & Mrs. Phil Orr
- 1975 - Mr. & Mrs. LeRoy Dohlen

The Council met regularly on the second Monday. The Vice President usually conducted the meeting, in his absence the Pastor. In February 1972 it was decided to distribute the minutes with the agenda beforehand, and in 1975 it was decided to include Council highlights in Tidings. Meetings regularly closed with all praying the Lord's Prayer. At the January meeting, outgoing/retiring Council members hosted the Council (often with secretary and financial secretary, too) at a restaurant: Ganymede's (1970-72), Maxson's (1973), Silo (1974-1975). Annual meetings of the congregation were regularly held in late January following the morning service. The number of ballots was 119 (1971) and 113 (1972). Amendments (unknown ?) were adopted at a special congregational meeting on 28 March 1971.

Physical improvements included:

- 1970 Parsonage refurbished - carpet, drapes, basement shower
- 1971 New double doors - SW and W and belltower
- 1971 Exterior of church completely repainted
- 1973 Gardiner garage rented at \$4/mo., Bessie Baker's garage no longer available
- 1973 New stove in parsonage
- 1973 New Christmas nativity scene - a memorial
(\$260 plus freight for starter set)
- 1973 New Chapel tables (cf. also 1969)
- 1974 New sound system - Sprecher gift (\$1,000) used
- 1974 Air conditioner for Pastor's office
- 1975 Speakers in nursery repaired
- 1975 Repairs to church and parsonage
- 1975 New lighting in Fellowship Hall, repairs to church windows,
Warkins tarred belltower, which stopped leaking

Stewardship campaigns centered around Loyalty Sunday in mid-November. Typically three temple talks would precede Loyalty Sunday. (In 1969 services were held at 8 and 9:15, with filmstrip, pledge cards were passed out, and those absent were called on.) In 1970 a filmstrip was used on Loyalty Sunday (two services), and a series of letters was sent, but the goal was not met. In 1971, three fellowship meetings (coffee and dessert and pledges), at noon and evening, preceded Loyalty Sunday. In 1972, the three coffee fellowship meetings, followed by mail and phone calls to non-attenders, were quite successful. In 1973, three "informational" meetings were held prior to Loyalty Sunday followed by home visits (to non-attenders) on Loyalty Sunday. In 1974 a new pledging approach was inaugurated: a 5-week mail campaign (Hensley printed materials?) sought pledges; there was good response, but it fell short of the goal. In 1975 the mail campaign was used again, beginning October 14, and four temple talks were given, and the response was very good.

The YES Campaign (Youth Educated to Serve - Synod campaign for Augustana College, camping and campus ministries) took place in 1971-1973. \$9,766 was pledged and paid, and some Wishard dividend funds

were used to make up a deficit. The goal in 1968 had been set at \$14,000, but this was later cut back at the time of pledges.

The Seminary Life Appeal was collected in 1974 and 1975, and the goal of \$6,000 was reached.

STAFF

Pastor's Secretary - Mrs. Wm. C. (Ruth) Myers

1970 - a gem

1971 - a jewel of a secretary; 15-cent raise, 3-week vacation

1973 - continued secretarial excellence

1974 - outstanding excellence; receives Group Health and Insurance Plan
in LCA's Lay Employee plan (voluntary)

1975 - 15-cent raise

Assistant Secretary / Church Office Assistant

1971 - Mirdza Kalnins - 15-cent raise

1972 - Mirdza Kalnins

1973-75 - Mrs. Bradley (Betty) Ford

Organist - Mrs. Warren C. (Carol) Reckmeyer (1970-75)

June 1971 = \$3/service

Assistant Organists -

1970 - Christy Horst

1971 - Christy Horst Fichtner - until her marriage & move to Freeport
Beth Nelson - following Christy

1972 - Karen Sundvall - 18 June 1972 = first service
Beth Nelson

1973 - Karen Sundvall & Claudia Park

1974-75 - Karen Sundvall, Claudia Park, & Christy Fichtner

Choir Directors -

	Senior	Junior/Youth	Children's
1970	Carol Reckmeyer	Mrs. Richard Swedberg	Mrs. Richard Short
1971	Carol Reckmeyer	Mrs. Swedberg (1st part) Mrs. Short (1st part)	Ruth Myers (Fall ff) Ruth Myers
1972	Carol Reckmeyer	Mrs. Swedberg & Mrs. Walter Ubben (early) Mrs. Sharon Wallace	Mrs. Sylvia Kalnins (= pre-school choir) Ruth Myers (?)
1973	Carol Reckmeyer	Sharon Wallace (to be discontinued after Christmas `73)	Mary Jane Warkins (reorg. early spring due to children's enthusiasm)
1974	Carol Reckmeyer	Sharon Wallace (?) Doris Swedberg (7 youngsters)	Mary Jane Warkins
1975	Carol Reckmeyer	Doris Swedberg Mary Krull	Mary Jane Warkins Ruth Myers (gr.1-4) Thurs. 6:15 FH, sing at least 1x/mo.

(Mrs. Kuntzelman is Sr. Choir accomp. from 1970-75)

(Julie Knodle accompanies Junior Choir 1972-73, Children's
Choir 1974-75; Karen Sundvall accompanies Children's

Choir 1972-75)

Financial Secretary - Helen Borneman (1970-75)

Sextons -

- 1970 - Ralph Schell - retired in January
Robert Fletcher - all the sexton's work since January
- 1971 - Robert Fletcher - 15-cent raise
James Munk - trained in December for inside work
- 1972 - Robert Fletcher - outside
James Munk - indoor, \$2/hr., \$2.15 beg. Feb., quits in Feb.
Keith Colvin - ?
Amos Taylor Family, esp. Rick - inside, beginning March
- 1973 - Robert Fletcher - probably continued outside
none mentioned in annual report - cf. financial reports
- 1974-75 - Mr. & Mrs. Ted (Gladys) Bear - inside, \$2.15/hr.
Robert Fletcher - outside

COMMITTEE AND AUXILIARY REPORTS

Christian Education

- 1970 Wes Witt resigned as SS supt. 9/1/70, John Sundvall accepted
position for one year
Campfirmation in August for 7th and 8th graders
- 1971 SCS supt. = John Sundvall (asst = Wes Witt)
Jerry Wallace (asst = Larry Claussen) - beg. August
Campfirmation in Aug. - 13 8th graders
Swedberg and Donna and Debby Horst
librarian = Mrs. Oren Stengel
Mrs. Robert Fletcher (beg. fall)
SCS Christmas program - Dec. 19
- 1972 SCS supt = Jerry Wallace (asst = Larry Claussen)
WRE 3rd grade teacher = Mrs. Everett Lundin, asst by Millie Knodle
first semester = 5th grade class
Aug. - 8 8th graders to Campfirmation at Camp Augustana
Librarian = Mrs. Earl Unger - set up new library room in
former choir room off the Chapel
Dec. 24 - Christmas program combined with worship service
- 1973 SCS supt = Larry Claussen took over for Wallace
7 8th graders at Campfirmation in June at Camp Augustana
no SCS classes in July and August - films to be used instead
- 1974 SCS supt = John Sundvall (second half)
- 1975

Church Property -

- 1970 parsonage remodeling detailed
new double doors for SW and belltower entrances, not yet installed
- 1971 Chapel kitchen - new formica tops for sinks, shelves, new drapes
work on church's sound system
exterior of church completely repainted
new exterior doors: west, belltower, south -
also varnished and painted
- 1972 painted Fellowship Hall and new library room
Rick Taylor - new inside sexton
- 1973 revamped 8 downspout drains
purchased new Christmas nativity scene to replace much-used
and tattered old one of many years

new tables for Chapel
1974
1975 Bob Hollinger & Bill Unger planted flowers in triangle and planters
parsonage windows and trim painted
repairs to church windows
some waterproofing of outside walls
dormers repaired and painted
outside doors painted
new coating on belltower roof
outside bulletin board repaired
new lighting in Fellowship Hall

Evangelism -

1970
1971 visits to new families and less active members
1972 Key `73 - special interdenominational project on evangelism
task force to cooperate with other churches in special activities
members specially trained to visit prospective members: Everett
Lundins, Jim Munks, John Shindles
Evangelism Committee and Council volunteers call on 15 inactives
in April, more in May
1973 Key `73 - May & Sept., visited known non-church members
1974
1975

Finance -

1970
1971 \$56,506 received, \$57,050 budget
\$5,530 YES Campaign
death of Les Lundgren
1972 \$58,394 received, \$61,455 budget
1973 \$57,436 received, \$58,800 budget
1974 \$61,122 received, \$59,200 budget
Seminary Life Appeal - \$4,582
Love Compels Action Appeal/World Hunger - \$1,003

Stewardship -

1970 temple talks: Ernest Hachmeister, Pauline Brinker, Dick Park
unable to reach 1971 budget goal
YES campaign: \$14,000 goal set 2 years ago
1971 successful campaign for 1972
3 coffee fellowship meetings
temple talks - Dick Park, Sharon Wallace, Phil Orr
1972 3 coffee fellowship meetings
didn't reach our high goal
budget reflects cut-backs and cut-outs
1973 special offering in June - LWR plea for Vietnam
Nov. 18 Loyalty Sunday, preceded by 2 temple talks
3 informational meetings (noon & evening) before Loyalty Sunday
followed by home visits on Loyalty Sunday
1974 beginning of mailing of letters and pledge cards
Drive fell short of proposed goal...
but exceptionally good response
1975 2 meetings
pledge cards and letters mailed again to all active members
great success
temple talks: Mrs. Rich. Short, Miss Nancy Stauffer,
Mr. Phil Wessels, Pastor Jack Swanson

Worship & Music -

- 1970 nothing done toward replacement of organ
- 1971 Organ Appeal planned for 1972
 - acolyte program with 6 boys
 - Thanksgiving Service - Wed. eve., CB
 - folk services authorized on monthly or occasional basis
 - cf. Council minutes, 10 May 1971
- 1972 Lent - Council of Churches, Sun. eve. at 7,
 - preceded by carry-in dessert
 - TLC, Thurs. eve., Chancel dramas, We The Jury
 - Cantate Sunday
- 1973 girls in acolyte program for first time
 - members of confirmation class may be acolytes, if they wish
- 1974 Children's Choir - one Sunday a month
 - Junior Choir - at least once a month, usually at offertory
 - May 26 - Senior Recognition Sunday
- 1975 Cantate Sunday in May - choir

Memorial Fund -

- 1970 candle tube and spring assemblies
 - replating of offering plates
- 1971 11 people memorialized
 - items listed, including 2 new flags
- 1972 23 people memorialized
- 1973 14 people memorialized
- 1974 Children's Choir robes, \$180 - Geo. Neher memorial
- 1975 2 meetings

Ushering Committee -

- 1970 12 monthly leaders
 - began wearing ushering patch in 1970
- 1971 17 head ushers listed
- 1972-75

Youth Committee -

- 1970 reorganized in Sept.
 - L.L. - all high school, met on second Sunday
 - CRU - 6-8 grades, met on third Sunday
 - purchased Christmas cards with picture of nave
- 1971 activities by both groups, mostly social and recreational
 - Christmas decorations and caroling
- 1972 CRU - well-attended, social and recreational
 - L.L. - Easter breakfast, decorate tree and church
 - followed by carolling to shut-ins and seniors followed by
 - chili supper at church
- 1973 Mr. & Mrs. Chas. Diehl - LL leaders
- 1974
- 1975 L.L. - 4 Youth services
 - 24-hour Hunger Fast, earned \$1,000+ for LCA Hunger Appeal

Community Relations -

- 1970 the usual
 - last report

Service to Servicemen -

- 1970 22 men receive Tidings each month
- 1971 24 servicemen in January, 11 in December

Tidings and "In Step" every other month
personal letter monthly
1972 11 in Jan., 9 in Dec. (4 overseas) in armed forces
monthly mailings
1973 8 men, monthly mailings
1974 combined with Social Ministry Committee
4 men in armed forces
1975 5 men in service - monthly mailings

Social Ministry -

1971 helped Evangelism Committee
4th of July committee - Gerald Wallace
insufficient help to form FISH (Council of Churches)
(FISH = Friends In Service Helping, mainly transportation)
1972 FISH reps = Ruth Park, Dolores Henzler
July 4 committee = Carl Personette
Friendship Club rep = Pauline Brinker
Sept. (4 Sundays) - special offering for hurricane (Agnes)
and flood victims (South Dakota)
1974 combined with Service to Servicemen
Friendship Club - third Wednesday in Fellowship Hall
1975 same

Library Report -

1972 5/8/72 Thelma Unger replaces Mrs. Robt. Fletcher as librarian
788 books
new room: choir room converted to library, \$400 authorized
1973 Thelma Unger, 686 books
1974 Thelma Unger
1975 Thelma Unger, many Bethel books

TLC Men -

1971 met 6 times, 40 avg att
June Family Picnic
F-S Banquet (Sept.): Wayne Nordstrom, the flying parson
1972 met 6 times, including June Family Picnic
Pancake Supper in October - first annual!
F-S Banquet: Rollie Spongberg, WREX-TV, magic art
dinners again served by C&A Society
1973 met 5 times
Jan. - Ladies' Night, Cooperrider = guest speaker
Feb. - Sheriff Brooks
Mar. - Second Annual Pancake Supper - proceeds to Bethel, Chicago
Sept. - F-S Banquet - Norm Nelson, program
Nov. - Carlyle Smith, slides of missionary work in Malaysia
C&A served dinners at our meetings
1974 5 meetings
3rd annual pancake supper for Bethel - \$320 to Bethel
Norman Mandehr - dir. of new camp in Oregon
Jack Swanson, dir. of our camping program
F-S Banquet - Sept.
1975 4 meetings
Feb. - 4th annual pancake supper for Bethel, \$326
Oct. - F-S Banquet

TLCW -

1970 11 group meetings, 1 joint Dec. meeting
4 quarterly meetings

M-D banquet, April 8
 Christian Action report
 nursery workers, LWR, bereavement, Nachusa, Pinecrest,
 Dixon State School Choir
 Dorcas - 4th T., 7:30 PM, avg att 7
 Esther - 4th W., 10 members, homes or Chapel
 Miriam - 3rd Th. morn., 12 members, in Chapel
 Naomi - 3rd W., 17 members, Chapel
 1971 58 members, pres = Mrs. Dolores Henzler
 11 group meetings, 3 quarterly meetings, 4 groups
 4/23 M-D banquet: Mrs. Swedberg play, "Guardian Angel"
 arranged babysitters for churchtime nursery
 CWU - 3 special programs
 Lutheran Women - official publication
 Christian Action report:
 obtaining nursery workers, spring church cleaning,
 510 lbs. clothing, service to bereaved (with C&A and LA),
 BD cakes at Pinecrest for one month
 Dorcas - avg 8
 Esther - 9 members
 Miriam - 13 members, fee nursery
 Naomi - 17 members
 1972 pres = Henzler
 Jan - 2 carloads of women from Bethel, Englewood, came for
 afternoon discussion and fellowship
 June - busload from Trinity went to Bethel for church service,
 discussion, and fellowship
 service to bereaved, nursery workers, Nachusa cookies,
 Lenten service coffee hours, Thanksgiving coffee hour
 M-D banquet
 Dorcas - 15 members
 Esther - 10 members
 Miriam - 12 members
 Naomi - 19 members
 1973 60 members, D. Henzler = pres.
 M-D banquet
 services to bereaved (with C&A and LA)
 Dorcas - 15 members
 Esther
 Miriam - 3rd Th., 7:30 PM, 16 members
 Naomi - 19 members
 1974 annual M-D banquet in April
 Friendship Club refreshments
 work nights
 Dorcas - 15 members
 Esther - 12 members
 Miriam - 7:30 PM, 12 members
 Naomi - 17 members
 1975 M-D banquet - April
 new group = Lydia, began Nov. 1975
 Dorcas - 13 members, 4th T., 7:30 PM, Chapel or homes
 Esther - 11 members
 Lydia - org. 11/75, 3rd W., 9 AM
 Miriam - 3rd Th., 7:30, Chapel
 Naomi - 3rd W., 17 members, FH

Chancel & Altar -
 1970 3rd T., 57 members, 20 avg att

1971 3rd T., 57 members, 20 avg att
 maintain kitchens and pantry
 CWU
 sponsor a Brownie troop
 new white and violet stoles for Pastor
 many dinners

1972 58 members, 23 avg att
 \$500 pledged to Ogan Fund

1973 58 members, 21 avg att

1974 46 members, 19 avg att
 Pastor begins year with devotions in January
 new "kitchen recommendations" and Constitution in August

1975 48 members, 21 avg att

Ladies Aid -

1970 1st Thurs., 1:30 PM, FH, 16 avg att

1971 22 members, 14 avg att
 many sewing projects

1972 26 members, 17 avg att

1973 26 members, 15 avg att

1974 22 active, 6 honorary, 16 avg att

1975 22 active, 5 honorary, 18 avg att

Luther League -

1970 73 members, looking for new areas of service

1971 57 members
 annual UNICEF drive - with youth of community
 decorating church, caroling for shut-ins

1972 58 members
 UNICEF
 decorating, caroling, chili
 2 officers to Leadership Lab School at Augustana in July
 David James, Randy Kuntzelman

1973 2 to Leadership Lab, some to Youth Conv. in Houston in August
 UNICEF
 November CROP Walk
 decorate, caroling, chili

1974 Leadership Lab: Linda Borneman, Lila Kuntzelman
 weekend at Lake LaDonna
 UNICEF - community
 led a worship service
 decorating, caroling, chili
 advisers = Corneliuses and Warkinses

1975 busy year
 March - Love Fast for Hunger - over \$1,000
 tremendous success
 Leadership Lab: Jeff Condit, Karen Swanson
 UNICEF
 advisers - Corneliuses and Warkinses

Chi Rho U -

1970 idle during vacancy
 38 possible members, monthly meetings

1971 very active
 adult leaders = Al Kalninses, Frank Balluffs, Mrs. Geo. James,
 Dolores Henzler, Wayne Schelling

1972 40 members

1973 29 members, grades 6-8

1974 38 members, grades 6-8
advisers = Mr. & Mrs. John Shindle, Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Stukenberg
1975 met only during first half of year

Merry Mates -

1970 second year, 2nd Sat., 6-20 attend
1971 third year
no age limits, informal and social fellowship
many activities listed
1972 fourth year
full schedule of fun and fellowship activities
1973 couples' club, fun, 2nd Sat., atten. = 8-24
1974 fun, 2nd Sat.
1975 no dues

SCS -

1970 John Sundvall, supt.
211 enrolled, 110 avg att
1971 Jerry Wallace, supt. now (cf. Christian Ed. above)
191 enrolled, 104 avg att
1972 Jerry Wallace, supt.
205 enrolled, 103 avg att
1973 Larry Claussen, supt
1974 John Sundvall, supt.
193 enrolled, 88 avg att
1975 Warren Ubben, supt.
198 enrolled, 91 avg att

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

1. 9/14/70 Non-members may use nave for weddings for \$25;
fee for Chapel wedding at Pastor's discretion
2. 9/14/70 Private telephones to be installed in pastor's and secy's
offices
3. 9/14/70 Youth groups to sell Christmas cards of church
4. 10/70 LL Hayride a success!
5. 4/71 nine male members of Council appointed communion assistants,
not 3 female members; 6/73 Council now is assisting regularly
6. Fall 1970 WRE teachers = Mrs. Willard Powers (replacing Thelma Unger),
Mrs. Warren Reckmeyer, Mrs. Everett Lundin - \$20/week
7. 1970 Ministerial meetings were weekly except in summer
8. 1970 ICYE students: Ellen Brekke (Walter Larsons),
Frederique Rogue-Raine, France (Charles Diehls)
9. 5/10/71 Lay lectors approved by Council
10. 6/71 new American and Christian flags for sanctuary
11. 1971 death of Les Lundgren
12. 8/9/71 Eleanor Schelling and Helma Horst quit teaching, are
recognized for many years of service
13. 11/8/71 Pastor authorized to move old cornerstone from back of church
14. 12/13/71 FISH program goes under Council of Churches
15. 1/10/72 carillons need repair, up to \$250 authorized
16. 3/20/72 Pancake Supper for Bethel Church begins - \$130 profit sent,
\$400 added to it
17. 4/10/72 decision made to lock church at night
18. 8/21/72 Lundgren Estate gift of \$5,000 to be invested, income used
for benevolent work; income and part of principal may be used
to assist a church member through Seminary as Council deems
advisable

19. 9/72 Tidings now is monthly, probably has been for some time
20. 9/11/72 serving area lights in FH paid for by C&A (\$60.70)
21. 9/72 Youth permitted to have four youth services per year
with Pastor's guidance
22. 9/72 Parish Life Development Task Force (names listed)
7/72 decision to participate
8/72 \$800 committed
10/72 no consultants available or likely
5/73 Pastor attends 2-day seminar
3/4/74 Program to start
23. 11/13/72 minimum age set for ushers: high school juniors and seniors
24. 1/73 WRE lacks 75% enrollment, but Mr. Masterson agrees not to hold
them to the quota; 11/75 price per active member raised from \$1
to \$1.25
25. 3/73 Andrew Reckmeyer does all kinds of projects aspiring
to become Eagle Scout
26. 7/9/73 decision to have holy communion monthly because low percentage
of members is attending communion services
27. 10/73 CROP Walk by area youth planned
28. 11/12/73 local pastors meet with doctors of new Family Health Center
29. 12/73 robes for Children's Choir ordered
30. 5/13/74 Wayne Bearman appointed Camping Ambassador
31. 7/8/74 Designated Presidents' Committee formed: VP, aux. heads,
youth leader
32. 9/9/74 Greeters practice begins in October
33. 9/74 music changes: order of service to be varied (11/24 alternate
musical setting to start); Celebrate to be used; choir and cong.
to sing during communion; Senior Choir to process from back of
church on first hymn when singing (begun 9/74)
34. 12/74 rental of church by non-members for weddings = \$25
35. 1/13/75 Pastor permitted to wear alb occasionally
36. 4/75 Congregation invited to help Robert Fletcher with recent
hospital expenses - \$462 received
37. 7/75 Council of Churches invites St. James, Ev. Free Ch.,
St. Bride's Episcopal, and St. Mary's, Oregon, to join
38. 9/75 church letter sent to Disciples United Methodist

NOTE: These historical notes, covering the first 150 years of Trinity's history, were made in 1995-1996 by Pastor Phil Schroeder from the church's records and minutes and earlier historical accounts. Other potential sources that have not been thoroughly studied are the monthly newsletters and the weekly service folders. These, of course, are not available for the early years, and for the latter years primarily the minutes and the annual reports were studied carefully. It is requested that no extensive printed use be made of these notes or their information without the courtesy of a review by their author.