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Twentieth Anniversary

It was in 1908 that the Messrs. Julius Hager, C. Apel, J. Hess, E. F. Lang, P. Ulber, H. Hurner and J. Hurner met in the little church on St. Paul and Shipperd and organized our Bethany Congregation. In the fall of the same year the Rev. Andrew Martin was called as the first pastor. Of these Mr. Julius Hager, Honorary President of our church, Mr. E. F. Lang and Rev. Martin are the only ones remaining. Those first years were difficult, but the small band was undaunted. Within a short time many other dependable members were added and in the year 1909 the new site at Seminole and Vernor Highway E. was purchased.

Two years after the organization of the church the beautiful parsonage was built and in 1912 it was the privilege of the congregation to dedicate its beautiful church. Surely those first years can be characterized with the word SACRIFICE written in capital letters.

However, a church consists not of buildings and property—it is primarily an aggregate of individuals who try to build the Kingdom of God and we are glad that Bethany counts some of the noblest men and women found anywhere. The spirit of sacrifice evinced in the first years has not waned—it has waxed stronger. And there is that spirit of friendliness and fellowship which is lacking in many city churches. We feel that most of our people are actually trying to make this Bethany the favorite stopping place of the Master, as was the Bethany of old. At present there are numerous organizations within the church carrying on the work, the Ladies' Aid—in this anniversary month gained 33 new members—the Men's Association, a Senior and a Junior League, a Girls' Scout Troop and the Sewing Circle. The Sunday School is graded throughout with trained teachers and the Confirmation Class meets on Tuesdays and Saturdays.

All of this proves to us that the work carried on so ably in the past is not only holding its own, but growing steadily. During the twenty years 421 children were consecrated to the Lord in baptism, 309 couples were joined in matrimony and 308 were laid to rest. During this time the work of the Kingdom has not been overlooked and the sum of \$37,329.49 has been given for the work of the Synod.

For almost twenty years—from 1908 until Jan. 1927, Pastor Martin labored faithfully in this field when sickness made it necessary for him to retire from active work and the present pastor took up the work in Bethany. Since the new church was dedicated, Miss Hulda Martin has served as organist, and under her leadership the services have been beautified with splendid musical selections, as well as the songs of the choir and soloists.

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SERVICES

9:00 A. M.—Sunday School.
10:00 A. M.—English Service.
11:00 A. M.—German Service.

You are most cordially invited.

NEW ADDRESSES

Those who have moved in the past few weeks or are contemplating moving will do the church office a great favor by leaving their change of address at Secretary's desk.

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CONGREGATIONAL BRIEFS

Young People

Both the Senior and Junior Leagues have planned to rally their members by celebrating Hallowe'en with Hallowe'en parties. The Senior League on Monday, October 29, at the Church Parlors, and the Junior League at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. Bethmann on Tuesday, October 30.

The Girl Scout Troop is again meeting regularly on Thursdays at 4:15 P. M. under the leadership of Miss Lydia Schuh, and all girls 12 years and over are welcome. They, too, have arranged a party for the evening of October 25.

Sunday School

Rally Day and Promotion took place on the second Sunday in October. A new class was organized for Juniors and we could again welcome Mrs. Bethmann as the teacher of this class. Several new members have been enrolled on the last Sunday and we hope to have our members and friends bring many more in the coming weeks.

Men's Association

The Mens Association met Wednesday, October 10, and a very interesting meeting was held. Our delegate to the National Convention at Indianapolis, Ind., Mr. Geo. Bartling, gave a very interesting report and it was voted to send \$25.00 as our gift for the Synod House, "The Men's Memorial" at St. Louis, Mo.

The men also decided to organize bowling teams and all men—young and old—members or non-members—are invited to meet with our bowlers at the Deutsches House on Friday evenings, at 8:00 P. M., where we have reserved alleys for our men. Let's go next Friday and every Friday.

Sewing Circle

During the past weeks every Wednesday finds a group of women very busy sewing or quilting. We are grateful to the women for giving their time to this work and urge others, who can, to join this group of willing workers.

Ladies' Aid

The October meeting will linger long in the memory of the 57 members present. After brief devotions, conducted by Mrs. Mertens and the pastor, the usual reports were read and accepted. Next in order was the planning of a very busy fall and winter program.

The date for the Baked Goods Sale was set for Saturday, October 27th. The Annual Rummage Sale will be

held on Friday, November 2nd. Bring all old clothing and household goods to the church not later than November 1st, so that this year's sale will be a success. If you cannot bring articles please call Edgwood 3089 or Whittier 2010.

In connection with our **Twentieth Anniversary** the ladies will serve an **Anniversary Supper** on **Friday, November 16**. The price of tickets is: Adults, 75 cents, and children, 40 cents. Purchase your tickets in advance.

Thursday, December 6th, is the date of our annual **Christmas Bazaar**. Donations of any kind are most welcome. Committees have been appointed and they will appreciate your co-operation.

The ladies are again reminded not to forget their experience parties.

Thank offering boxes are to be brought to the November meeting.

Next in order was the reports of the captains of the membership drive teams. Mrs. Ludwig was able to report twenty new members and Mrs. Blome ten new members, a total of thirty new members. This report brought applause and a feeling of happiness, such as we have not seen for some time. The losers, having promised to entertain the winners, plans were immediately made to have this luncheon on Thursday, October 18, at which time the new members were to be received.

The luncheon and social period on this day brought out 92 ladies and 28 of these were received into membership; the others, to which three more names have been added, will be received at the November meeting—a total of 33 new members. The new members received are: Mrs. H. Smith, H. Baranowski, R. Brodisch, C. Holmes, M. Quandt, M. Clibbon, H. Pfahler, W. Lemp, C. Cragg, A. Schoenheit, E. Schneider, C. Raschke, E. Dittmann, E. Hansen, E. Ritter, E. Schultz, F. Longstaff, E. Miller, L. Hess, H. Schoen, I. Hartway, A. Mietz, J. Rabe, C. Eschrich, O. Schuel,

H. Brandstetter, W. Ludwig and M. Killian.

The ladies have shown our other organizations the way. Will we all follow their example?

Pension Fund Campaign

During the past weeks it was the pleasure and privilege of the pastor to send \$600 to our Synodical Treasurer for this fund. The very generous gift of \$500 from Mr. and Mrs. J. Hager and \$100 from the Benevolent Fund of our Sunday School, made possible this gift. In a previous issue of the Bulletin we had reported that four other members had contributed \$47.00 for this fund. May each and every member of our parish remember this Pension Fund Campaign. Let us talk for it. Let us work for it. Let us show our appreciation and love for the Gospel and its ministers, not by words, but by cheerful and systematic giving. Send your check to either the Financial Secretary, Mr. G. F. Kalz, or the pastor, and in a later issue of the Bulletin a complete report will be given.

ANNIVERSARY ANNOUNCEMENT

Services

Sunday, November 11, the Sunday School will be held at the usual time, 9:00 A. M. Anniversary Services will be held at 10:15 A. M. in both languages, and all members and friends are urged to come. We want to thank God for His guidance in the past and invoke His aid for the future. Our former pastor, the Rev. Andrew Martin, will deliver the German sermon, and the Rev. E. Spathef, Vice-President of the Michigan District, will deliver the English sermon.

Entertainment

Tuesday evening, November 13, has been set aside as an evening in which we hope to gather all friends and mem-

bers of Bethany for an entertainment to be given by members of the Ladies' Aid and the Sunday School.

Banquet

Friday night, November 16th, at 6:30 P. M., a banquet will be held for all members and friends of the church. It is to be a time for rejoicing and re-consecration to the church and we want all folks connected with Bethany to be sure and come. The supper will be prepared by your ladies in the Church Parlors. Make your reservations early so that you will not be disappointed.

Every Member Canvass

Sunday afternoon, November 18th, the committees appointed will call on the members and friends of Bethany to receive their pledges of church support. We hope to reach all members and friends of our church and invite them to become members of our congregation. During the year a considerable number of people come into contact with our church and on this day the members of our Church Council, with others, will call on all.

Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, November 29th, has been set aside as our National Thanksgiving Day and we call upon our people to meet in the House of the Lord on this day for a special service of praise and thanksgiving. This service will be conducted at 9:30 A. M. and gives everyone an opportunity to worship and still

have time for the usual family and social gatherings, which the day brings with it.

PARISH RECORD

Baptisms

Fleiss, Rudolph Ottmar, son of Walter Fleiss and his wife Emma, nee Rueckert; born June 5, 1928, and baptized September 30, 1928. Sponsors: Margaret Loschke and Mrs. E. Mahlow.

Funerals

Killian, Mrs. Herman, nee Anna Puffarth. Died September 28, 1928, at the age of 52 years, 6 months, 4 days. Burial October 1, 1928, at Forest Lawn.

Look, Arthur E. Died on October 3, 1928, at Tucson, Arizona, and was buried on October 10, 1928, at Forest Lawn.

Güldenpfennig, Andreas. Died October 20, 1928, at the age of 79 years, 9 months, 30 days. Burial October 23, 1928, at Lutheran cemetery.

Work

Anyone willing to do church work, in any department of the congregation's activities, including the Sunday School, the Choir or any other organization, kindly report to the pastor at first convenience. The activities of the Kingdom are the product of voluntary service. "The harvest is plenteous always and the laborers few; pray ye, therefore, for the success of the harvest."

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These are the steps, in brief, that have been taken during the past twenty years. Some of them lay in rough places. Others were smooth and easy. Those of us who bear the banner today do not feel that we have arrived at the end, but we anticipate "a long, long trail, a-winding" into the land of our hopes and dreams. We are glad that the way in the past was traversed in a clean and honorable fashion. We are proud of our heritage. And at this time we reconsecrate ourselves to the high and noble purposes for which those stood who went before. We take up the staff with renewed energy to champion the right, to succor the poor and needy, to build the Master's Kingdom here and everywhere, and at the same time we endeavor in our simple way to fashion that Bethany where we sit at the Master's feet and rejoice in his company.