

DEDICATION

to the

Glory of God

of the

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN

HOUSE of WORSHIP

SCHOOL

GYMNASIUM

FELLOWSHIP HALL

***Sunday,
December 18,
1966***

***Ward Road
at Niagara Falls Blvd.
St. Johnsbury, N. Y.***

Dedication

O God the Father, Creator of all things
O God the Son, Savior of the world;
O God the Holy Ghost, Comforter of all men:

O holy, blessed Trinity

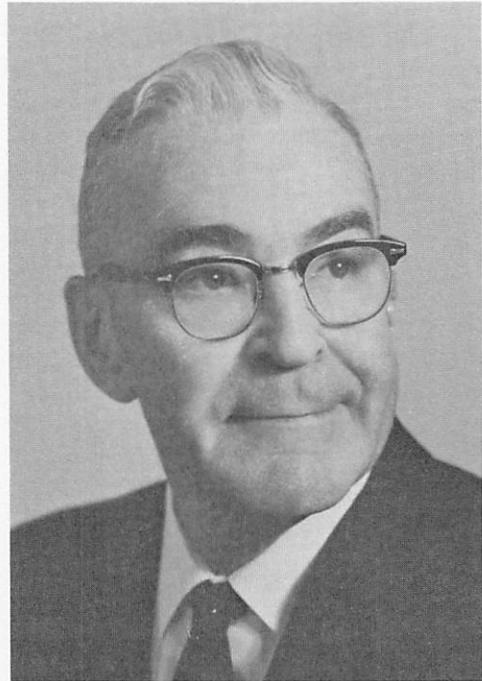
To Thee we dedicate this House of Prayer
Fill it, O Lord, with Thy glory, we beseech Thee,
And use it for the saving of many precious souls.

In the name of our precious Savior we extend a Word
of Welcome to all our guests. May Christ abide and
remain with you all.

Pastors and Teachers



Our Pastor
Reverend Clarence W. Rabe



Our Pastor Emeritus
Reverend J. Walter Thiemecke
1920-59

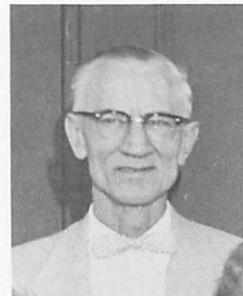


Our Teachers

Mrs. Doretta Grawe

Mr. Terry Zuch, Acting Principal

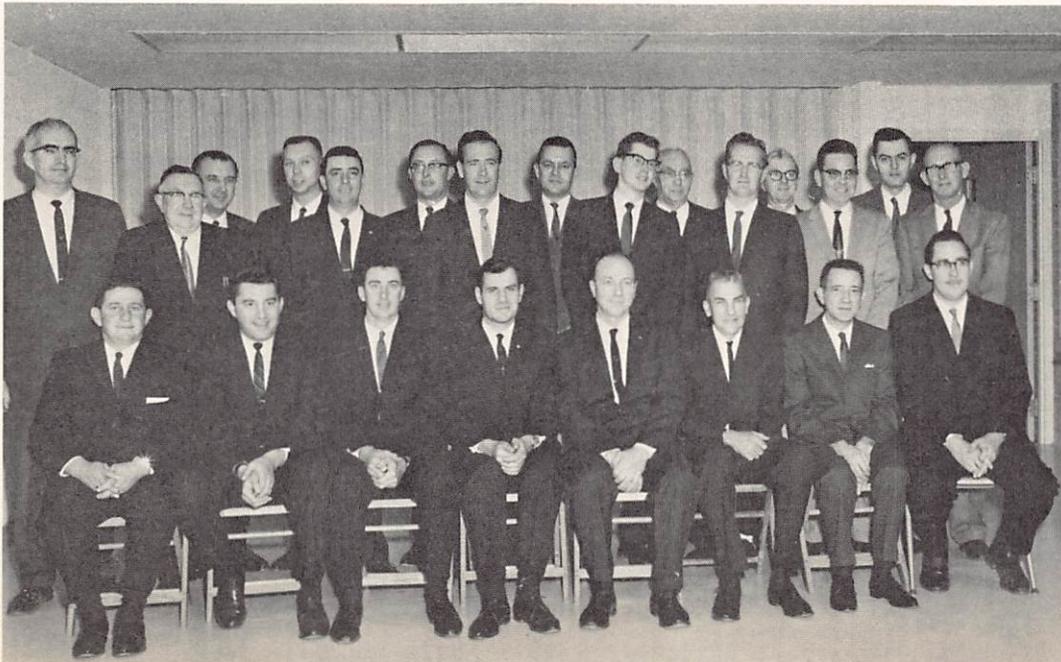
Mrs. Sandra Stuckwisch



In Memoriam
Mr. Erwin L. Bangert
1957-66

1966 Church Officers

<u>CHAIRMAN</u>	-	Mr. Ralph Rogers
<u>VICE CHAIRMAN</u>	-	Mr. Howard Jagow
<u>RECORDING SECRETARY</u>	-	Mr. Terry Zuch
<u>ELDERS</u>	-	Messrs. Howard Jagow, Darl England, John Wolf and Ernest Andrees
<u>TRUSTEES</u>	-	Messrs. David Nachreiner, Fred Scherrer, and Dennis Martin
<u>BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION</u>	-	Messrs. Gordon Martin, Wilfred Martin and Richard Poerschke
<u>EVANGELISM</u>	-	Messrs. Erwin Stenzel, Dale Luther and Philip Moll
<u>STEWARDSHIP</u>	-	Messrs. John Licht, Jr., David Schnell, and Myron Stenzel
<u>GENERAL TREASURER</u>	-	Mr. William A. Andrees
<u>ASSISTANT TREASURER</u>	-	Mr. Lester Siegmann
<u>BUILDING FUND TREASURER</u>	-	Mr. Winston Moeller
<u>SCHULER EST. TREASURER</u>	-	Mr. Jesse Blackmon
<u>FINANCIAL SECRETARY</u>	-	Mr. Henry Stange
<u>ASST. FIN. SECRETARY</u>	-	Mr. Marvin Werth
<u>S.S. SUPERINTENDENT</u>	-	Mr. Leroy Stenzel
<u>HEAD USHER</u>	-	Mr. Richard Musall
<u>CEMETERY SEXTON</u>	-	Mr. Alvin Lemke



History of the Congregation

Late in the summer of 1843, a congregation of Prussian Lutherans arrived in North America and settled in the Town of Wheatfield, N. Y. In that same year they established the "German Evangelical Lutheran Church of New Bergholz in the Town of Wheatfield." The church and the school located there were too far distant from the families who lived "in the section along Ward Road," so they built their own school here in the year 1846. On December 18, 1853, the first St. John Church was dedicated at St. Johnsburg, and 74 families, 82 school children, and a teacher were transferred from Holy Ghost Lutheran Church at Bergholz. The congregation was incorporated February 11, 1854.

For the first 14 years it was served by the pastors of the Bergholz congregation. In September, 1859, St. John Congregation joined the Missouri Synod.

In the year 1887, St. John Congregation, St. Johnsburg, New York, resolved to demolish the original brick church building and to build a new one on the same site.

During the ensuing winter the stones were quarried out of the Charles Mabon Stone Quarry, North Ridge Road, Pekin, New York. This work was done by men of the St. John Congregation. The stones were hauled by horse-drawn sleighs to the building site. The masonry work was done by three Rietsch Brothers who had been masons in Germany.

Early in the spring of 1888, the original church building was razed by men of the St. John Congregation. The steeple was rocked back and forth from East to West until it collapsed. The four walls were demolished in the same manner.

All of the bricks of the old structure were salvaged to be used for construction of the new walls and buttresses. Some elderly gentlemen by the names of Alexander Graf, Ed. C. Krueger, Henry Siegmann and others cleaned the old bricks for re-use.

William Fehrman of the City of North Tonawanda, New York, was engaged as contractor for the brick work as well as for the inside masonry. In the same year the cornerstone was laid. The carpenter work was done by Ernest Klemer.

On November 25, 1888, the present church building was dedicated. The present school was dedicated in 1897. On April 13, 1947, the first Sunday School class was conducted. Since 1887, the dedication of the last church, 1,321 were baptized, 1,034 were confirmed, 460 couples were married, and 574 received Christian burial.

Pastors who served our congregation are:

Pastor H. von Rohr	(1853-58)	Pastor Herman Dorn	(1883-89)
Pastor Carl Gram	(1858-59)	Pastor F. Engelbert	(1889-04)
Pastor Hugo Hanser	(1859-67)	Pastor Christ. Kuehn	(1904-07)
Pastor John W. Weinbach	(1868-72)	Pastor Martin Toewe	(1908-12)
Pastor F.W. Oestermeyer	(1872-77)	Pastor Wm.G. Albrecht	(1913-19)
Pastor F.W. Schmidt	(1877-80)	Pastor J.W. Thiemecke	(1920-58)
Pastor W. Linsemann	(1881-83)	Pastor C. W. Rabe	(1959-

Male teachers who have served the congregation include J.F. Heinrich Krueger, Ferdinand Rickert, John Schulz, Peter Schultz, Rudolf Bargmann, William von Renner, August B. Huebner, Howard Rowsell, John Jaeger, Henry Albrecht, Erwin L. Bangert and Terry Zuch.

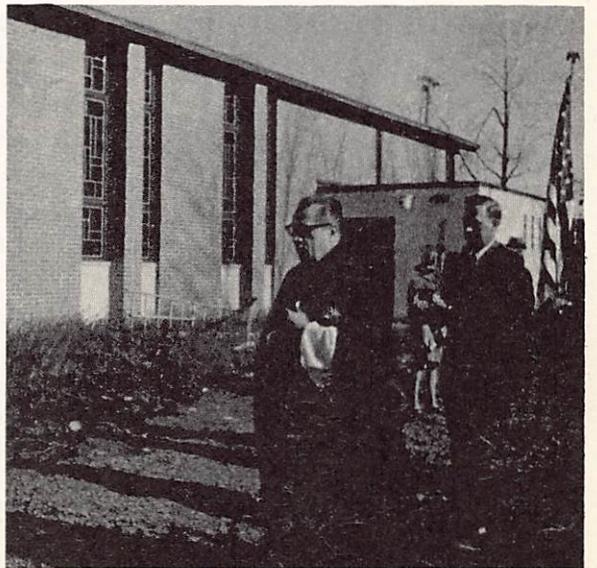
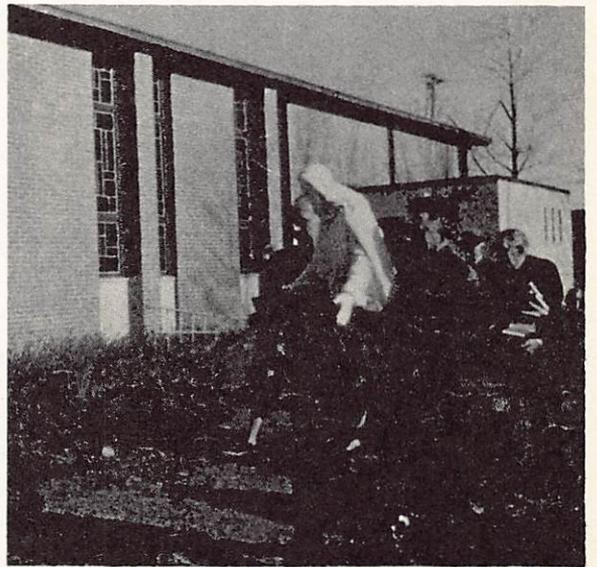
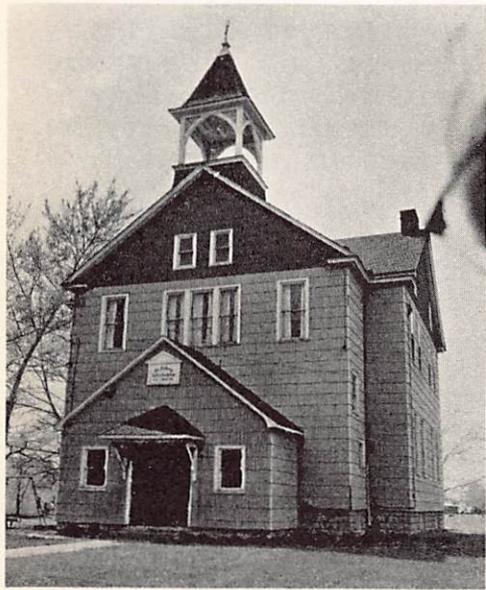
Dates and Milestones In Building Program

"LET US RISE UP AND BUILD"

Who can envision the countless hours of concentrated work, prayer, and discussion that enter into a building program of this magnitude? Who can recount the doubts, the fears, the problems, the misgivings, the dark hours, and even the lighter moments of a building program such as this? As Edgar Guest put it: "The humblest church demands its price, in human toil and sacrifice." This certainly was there. But through it all, and above all, it cannot be stated too much or too often: "It was the Lord alone Who did lead Us!" To the God of all Grace and Wisdom; to the God of infinite patience with the vagaries, the frailties, and the skullduggery of men, we gratefully and happily dedicate this building today.

- January 20, 1960 A preliminary Building Program Committee was appointed by the congregation to begin a survey and study of the feasibility of beginning a building program.
- April 20, 1960 The John Wolf property was purchased, and a \$13,000 loan was contracted with the Marine Trust and Savings Bank.
- January 18, 1961 It was resolved to buy an additional 2 acres of adjoining property from Mr. and Mrs. John Bluhm.
- April 5, 1961 After several months of preliminary investigation and discussion, it was resolved to sign a contract with the Wells Organization, the Church Division of the National Fund Raising Services, Inc., to raise the sum of approximately \$160,000 in a three-year pledge period. The month-long preparation period began May 1, 1961 and culminated in an intensive and complete Canvass for pledges by some thirty men led by Mr. Ben Mueller, General Chairman, and Messrs. Christian Schulmeister, Walter Ziehm, Robert Martin, Ervin Moeller, Louis Werth, Henry Stange, Martin Dietrich and Pastor Rabe.
- July 19, 1961 The Building Fund Investment Committee was born, with Messrs. Winston Moeller, Erwin Mavis, Clarence Wolf, and the Pastor, deciding where to invest the congregation's Funds safely and to bring the most favorable returns of interest and dividends.
- April 24, 1963 The congregation prayerfully resolved to build a new church complex, consisting of church, school, and fellowship hall, and also a new house.
- July 17, 1963 The Preliminary Building Program Committee was excused.
- October 16, 1963 The Building Committee, consisting of 7 men and the Pastor, was elected by ballot.
- December 29, 1963 The Voting membership authorized money for preliminary work such as surveying, test borings, and also schematic drawings from architectural firms.
- April 15, 1964 The firm of Shackleton and Fitzgerald, Niagara Falls, were hired as Architects for the church plant.
- At the same time the congregation decided to have another Two-Year Fund Raising Program. This time however without the help of a Fund-Raising Company.

- October 6, 1964 After many surveys and studies, drawings, etc. the basic floor plan of the proposed new church, school and hall was accepted by the congregation upon recommendation of the Building Committee. The architects were instructed to proceed with the second phase, the Design Development stage.
- December 6, 1964 Upon recommendation of the Building Committee, the congregation accepted the second, or the Design Development Stage of the Building. The third, or Document phase of the Building was then authorized.
- March 21, 1965 The architects were authorized to submit the plans and specifications for bidding by contractors. The opening of bids was set for May 1.
- May 11, 1965 The General Contract was awarded to the firm of Licata and D'Ambrosio, Niagara Falls, for \$379,798.
The date for Ground-Breaking Observances was set for June 6, 1965.
- July 14, 1965 The Contract to build the new teacherage on the lot on Lemke Drive, was awarded to Mr. Walter Ziehm.
- October 26, 1965 The Trustees and the Building Committee were authorized to borrow a sum not to exceed \$240,000 from Marine Trust and Savings Bank, when and if this becomes necessary.
- April 24, 1966 The Service of the Laying of the Memorial Stones was held on this Sunday Afternoon. At the portico of the new Church entrance the old cornerstone from the old church, as well as the new Memorial Stone were placed in a pylon on top of which will be hung the old Memorial Church Bell.
- September 7, 1966 With School desks and chairs unpacked and placed the night before, our School opened with a brief service in the old Church. Although blackboards were propped up and no book or storage shelves were available, everyone was happy to be in the new school building at last.
- November 6, 1966 Dedication of the new teacherage on Lemke Drive was held at 12:00 o'clock noon, after our morning Worship.
- November 13, 1966 Valedictory and Final Service in our historic old St. John Church. Following the service and the deconsecration, a Recessional was held in which the officers of the congregation carried the Bible, the books, the altar appointments, and the American and Christian flags to the entry of the new Building.
- November 20, 1966 First Divine Worship held in the new Gymnasium-Fellowship Hall.



Architect's Page

Concerted planning for new Church and school facilities was begun by the congregation of St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church in December 1963 with the preparation of a program of religious and educational requirements reflecting parish aspirations for the future. This program formed the basis of a competition by special invitation among leading area architectural firms and led to the selection of Cannon, Thiele, Betz, Cannon, Shackleton, FitzGerald of Niagara Falls, New York to proceed with the design development.

Pastor Clarence W. Rabe and the Building Committee, under the chairmanship of Christian Schulmeister, concurred in selecting a contemporary architectural theme for the project, combining modern techniques of planning, construction, and material use within a framework of the traditions and dignity of the Church. The arrangement of the Church and school elements took on the natural composition of the Tau, or T-shaped cross, with the Church forming the vertical leg of the "T" with the Altar in the east section. The school wing and gymnasium form the arm-like divisions of the cross extending to the north and south. The basic plan concept received congregational approval in November of 1964.

During the detailed planning stages, the Building Committee and its Architects visited neighboring Churches and evaluated facilities and materials to determine their esthetic characteristics and long range suitability. Every effort was made to initially provide space requirements to meet future needs and to translate them where necessary in serviceable materials which could easily be refurbished or up-graded.

The educational wing uniquely encloses the split-level classroom section. Gymnasium and utility core under a uniform roof line, simplifying the structural translation and diminishing its exterior massing. The lower future classroom level takes full advantage of the foundation limits imposed by the high water table of the site, yet maintaining window area equal to the finished classroom floor. In this fashion, the feeling of basement space is eliminated. The gymnasium is joined to both school and Church to provide a completely all-purpose space. The savings inherent in the compact design concept of the educational wing made possible the translation of the entire building exterior in brick.

It was determined at once to construct the Sanctuary in its finished concept utilizing enduring finished materials. Face brick was selected for interior wall use for its traditional beauty, permanence and acoustical resonance. The brick finish flows through the Narthex entrance way from the exterior, enlarging the sense of space and provides a warm masonry tapestry backdrop to be highlighted by white quartz Altar backdrop, colored glazing, carpeting and woodwork. Sanctuary and Nave furnishings were selected to blend with the warm interior tones.

Construction bids were received in the Spring of 1965 and contracts let in the amount of \$348,947.00, more than \$30,000.00 below anticipated costs. An average cost of \$15.35 per square foot for the 25,000 square foot total area was achieved. Groundbreaking for the new structure was held Sunday, June 6, 1965. The building represents the culmination of the most dedicated efforts of the entire congregation, who for the third time in the 112 year history of St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church have undertaken the construction of their House of Worship.

About Our Church

What is the essence of a church building; what emotions should be aroused in an individual attending this church? How can we best satisfy the functional requirements of seating, entrance and exit, fire safety, lighting, acoustics, vision, temperature, and comfort; and yet have a House of God, a place of joyful worship, a place of quiet and meditation and not just an auditorium? These are but a few of the hundreds of questions an architect and a congregation must ask in the process of building a church building. Add to--and multiply these problems with the building of a functional school building, a Youth Building, and a recreation room and fellowship hall and the need for extreme versatility in every direction, and couple this with the awesome restraint of a limited budget with rising costs and inflation, and the prospects seem dismal and foreboding.

But the Lord alone doth lead us! Our God is the One Whose Strength is made perfect in our weakness. The building we are dedicating today represents the culmination of The Omniscient Lord working in and through the rewarding collaboration of our youthful architects, Messrs. Shackleton and Fitzgerald, the contractors, the Church Building Committee, Pastor Rabe, and others; resulting in what can be humbly said is a highly successful building.

Space will not allow us to go into all the details, so we will confine our words to a few simple descriptions. The building measures 204 feet from East to West, and 192 feet from North to South. The building has taken the form of a T or Tau Cross, with the School and Sunday School split level area 57x80 feet forming the right arm of the Tau cross; and the gymnasium-fellowship hall forming the left arm. The main body of the Tau cross is formed by the Church which is correctly orientated to the geographic East. The church measures 97x50 feet and is connected to the School and gymnasium area by the offices, the lounge, the spacious narthex, and corridors.

The construction is entirely of reinforced cement slab, concrete block walls, and warm brick facing. We are proud of the Steel I-beam construction throughout all the buildings, the common roof lines, the Tectum slab ceilings, and the built-up roofing, all of which provide excellent savings as well as excellent strength, insulation, fireproofing, and acoustical control. We can also be happy about the many versatile storage areas which are so necessary; the Granwood tile gymnasium floor which is impervious to water and moisture; and the central heating system which is practically hidden away under the roof between the school and gymnasium.

One of the most pleasing features of our contemporary styled, yet conservative church, is the attempt to catch the warmth and intimacy of our old church and to translate it into the new. Every attempt was made to make it a modern, yet truly "Lutheran" Church.

As one enters the narthex, and especially the nave of the church, the attention is invariably drawn toward the chancel where the altar and the crucifix are the focal points. The chancel appointments are designed to emphasize the sacrifice of the Son of God on the cross for the sins of the World, and His great victory over sin, Satan, and Death. Since our Church is named St. John Lutheran Church, all the symbols were chosen from either the Gospel of John, the three Epistles of John, or the Book of the Revelation of St. John the Divine.

The freestanding altar suggested by our Synodical Ecclesiastical Arts Department is a combination of polished and unpolished Vermont Granite, and was obtained from a local and nearby firm, Grawe and Domagala Monuments. The mensa (the table) and the base are of polished granite on all sides, and the dais is unpolished Vermont granite incised with the symbol of the Messianic Rose. When this symbol is combined with a lighted candle, as this is, it points to the fulfillment of Prophecy--Christ the Light of the World, the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies. The mensa is incised with the five crosses symbolizing the five wounds of Christ. The mensa itself weighs somewhat over a ton.

The life-sized "Christus-Rex" corpus attached to the cross with halo, is framed in the niche which is sprayed with silver mica. The Christ the King corpus was chosen because it is fast becoming the Lutheran symbol, and is more symbolic than any other corpus. It represents our Lord in the vestments of His prophetic, priestly, and kingly offices, reigning over the cross, the symbol of His death. The corpus was hand-carved out of solid oak by a sculptor named J. Derhinus at Waterloo, Ontario, Canada. It is devotional in this that it is not starkly realistic, but purposely subdued, and symbolic, rather than statuesque. Almost every line of carving and the various details from the nimbus to the pinions have a symbolic meaning, for the thoughtful and observant. The Christus Rex in the chancel is a combination symbol of both the crucifixion and the resurrection. The crowned figure with head held erect and arms uplifted, radiates the glory of a triumphant King who has conquered all forces, past, present, and future for His subjects. The ascriptions of praise found in the Book of Revelation definitely draw our attention to a King of kings and Lord of lords living and reigning to all eternity.

The communion rail in traditional Lutheran practice rightly separates the sanctuary, the predella, and the pavement from the so-called choir section of the chancel. The rail is made of steel and is finished with fire-bronze. The symbolism followed is from John 15:5, the grapevine and the branches, signifying the unity of the Church in Christ.

The Communion Lights were executed by Progressive Bronze Works in Chicago, and are decorated with the Chi Rho symbol of Christ, as they are the first two letters of the Greek *Kristos*. The two communion lights are emblematic of the two natures of Christ.

On the North and South of the altar are the decorative metal sconces of brass and stainless steel which will be lighted for the administration of the Sacraments. The one to the North, or left side, is for Baptism, and the one on the South, or right side, for the Lord's Supper. The three candles, of course, signify the Trinity. The hammered brass relief of a ship scudding before the wind is an ancient symbol of the Church, the ship of faith. Of it Clement of Alexandria wrote: "For the Church is like unto a great ship, bearing safely through a violent storm, the men, women, and the children of many places, who desire to inhabit the city of the good Kingdom." The baptismal shell below it is emblematic of the necessary washing of Baptism by which we enter the Ship of Faith. On the South side, the pelican feeding its young with the blood and food of its own breast is a very ancient and very meaningful Christian symbol of the atoning death of Jesus. In ancient times the pelican in time of great famine was known to tear a hole in her breast, in order to feed her young with her own blood, thereby saving them by her own

death. Combined with the chalice, and when used in connection with a communion wafer it is one of the finest of symbols depicting the Holy Communion of the body and the bread, the blood and the wine. The metal artisan is Mr. Hilmar Wiegand who was commissioned by Mr. George Thrift-hauser of Niagara Industries.

The matching pulpit and lectern were planned and made by the American Seating Company. They stand on the line of demarcation between the nave and the chancel, and they are specially fitted to a 9 degree angle over the chancel steps, so that the clergy will face out toward the center of the nave. The pulpit is more than a practical piece of furniture. It symbolizes the authority of the Church to preach the Word of God. The lines of both the lectern and the pulpit suggest the prow of a ship signifying the sharpness, the fearlessness, and the boldness, with which the Word must be preached and taught. The carving of the Eagle on the prow of the pulpit is the symbol of St. John, because like the eagle, his Gospel soars to great heights in expressing the Divinity and the heavenly nature of Christ our Savior.

The lectern is enhanced by the carving of the Agnus Dei (Lamb of God), namely the Triumphant Lamb reclining on the Book of the Seven Seals mentioned in Revelation 5:1. Combined with the unfurled banner waving over it, there is also the symbolism of Christ's victory over death.

The Baptismal font was planned to be easily movable so that at certain times in the Church year it may be found in various locations. Holy Baptism is the Sacrament of incorporation or entry into the body of Christ, the Church. To symbolize this entrance in Lutheran circles the font stands most often in the nave near the entrance of the chancel thus bringing Holy Baptism into close relation with the Sacrament of the Altar. However it must not detract from the centrality and prominence of the altar. The brass cover is designed with a solid brass descending dove (John 1:32), signifying the great event of the Baptism of Jesus, and also of our Baptism.

It is self-evident that many other aids to worship, fixtures, and refinements ought to be mentioned and discussed here. How we can enjoy our two versatile credence tables, our receiving basin, the new paraments and linens, the communion ware, the gift of the comfortable prie-dieu from Frank, a thoughtful, lovable workman who became a close friend of the pastor during the 18 months of building. How thankful we can be for all those who were moved to purchase special gifts and memorials which add to the beauty and function of not only our church, but the school and fellowship hall as well.

The capacity of our church is planned to seat 360 persons comfortably in the nave, and 42 in the balcony. There is overflow room in the spacious narthex and in the balcony, as well as the sound insulated cry-room.

Our Schlicker pipe organ which was rebuilt in 1948, was again removed by the Schlicker Organ Company early last Spring to be completely rebuilt and additions made to almost twice its original size for insertion into our new Church building and balcony. Although this organ is being used today, there are still some refinements and adjustments to be made. Dedication will be held in the near future on a separate occasion which is also appropriate for such a fine instrument.

Still to be added to our Building is an appropriate and meaningful tower to house an electronic carillon which has been the dream of our St. John Men's Club, and for which it has been working and saving.

And finally as you tour our buildings today you must not fail to see the large kitchen which has been very nicely sound-proofed and almost hidden beside the gymnasium and lounge. All the beautiful, functional, yet extremely mobile and versatile kitchen equipment has been furnished by the lively, very willing, and hard-working members of our Ladies' Aid Society, as a gift and as a great saving of several thousands of dollars to our congregation, and its Building Fund.

Still to be completed is the large unfinished lower floor of the School Building. This provides some 4,000 square feet of very necessary space for our growing Sunday School Department. Likewise in the near future is the completion of a hard-surfaced off-the-street parking facility for 150 or more cars, as well as the necessary landscaping.

There is still much to be done! That is the watchword and must ever be by the cry of the Church. This Dedication of today is but another milestone in the work of the Church. There are still stones and bricks to be gathered and to be placed physically and spiritually in the building of God's Temple. Let us pursue this purpose untiringly, gratefully, and joyfully.

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His Holy Name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits." Psalm 103:1-2.



Memorials and Special Gifts

Those marked with asterick are Memorials.

Cross behind Altar	* Mrs. Carl Stenzel Family & Friends
Pulpit	* Mr.&Mrs. Ed. C. Krueger Family
Lectern	* Mr.&Mrs. Herbert Stenzel
Font	* Mr.&Mrs. Gustave Ziehm Family
Retable	Mr.&Mrs. Erwin Bangert
2 Credence Tables	* Herman and Edison Stieg
2 Clergy Pews	* Mr.&Mrs. J.W. Schulmeister Family
Communion Wall Candelabra	Mr.&Mrs. William C. Andrees and Mr.&Mrs. William A. Andrees
National and Church Flags	* Mrs. Amanda Harder and Family
Book of Memorials	* Mrs. Isabelle Martin & Daughters
Alms Basin	Mr.&Mrs. Harold Siegmann
2 Hymn Boards	* Mrs. Herman Sattelberg & Family
1 Pew	* Mr.&Mrs. John Wolf
1 Pew	Mr.&Mrs. Victor Haseley
1 Pew	* Mrs. Martha Siegmann
1 Pew	* Josephine and Karen Moll
1 Pew	Mr.&Mrs. Ernest Andrees
1 Pew	* Minnie Ziemendorf
1 Pew	* Mr.&Mrs. Henry Harder Family
1 Pew	Mr.&Mrs. Herbert Werth
1 Window in Sanctuary	* Mrs. Josephine Moll, Mr.&Mrs. Clarence Heuer, Mr.&Mrs. Harold Heuer
Altar Base	* Mrs. Norman Stange
1 Pew	* Mr.&Mrs. Victor Verch
1 Communion Light	Mr.&Mrs. Wallace Pankow
1 Communion Light	Mr.&Mrs. Ralph Cotterill
1 Pew	* Mr.&Mrs. Charles Stenzel Family
Guest Register & Memorial Book Stand	* Mrs. Henry Broecker
1 Window in Sanctuary	* Albert Zastrow
1 Pew	Mr.&Mrs. Albert Lind
1 Window in Sanctuary	Mr.&Mrs. Alfred Stange
1 Pew	* Mr.&Mrs. Clifford Toellner
1 Pew	* Mrs. Henry Siegmann
1 Window in Sanctuary	* Mrs. Elenora Mellenthine
1 Window in Sanctuary	Rev.&Mrs. J. Walter Thiemecke
1 Window in Sanctuary	Mr.&Mrs. Wilbur Grawe
1 Pew	* Fred Schimschack
1 Pew	Mr.&Mrs. Ralph Rogers
1 Pew	* Mrs. Inez Cornell & Frank Cornell
1 Window in Sanctuary	St. John L.W.M.L.
Film and Slide Projector	St. John L.W.M.L.
1 Pew	Mr.&Mrs. Chester Broecker
1 Wood Opera Seat	Alfred Stange, Jr.
1 Wood Opera Seat	Joyce Johnidas
1 Wood Opera Seat	Emanuel Johnidas
1 Adj. Desk Chair for Lower Classroom	* Mrs. Carl Stenzel & Family and Mr.&Mrs. John Dittman
1 Pew	Mr.&Mrs. Eckhart Proefrock
1 School Desk Upper Classroom	* 1960 Confirmation Class
1 Pew	Grawe and Failing Families
1 Pew	* Rev.&Mrs. Ph. Ziemendorf

1 Teachers Desk Upper Classroom
 1 School Desk Upper Classroom
 1 School Desk Chair Upper Classroom
 1 Teachers Desk Lower Classroom
 1 Teachers Desk Kindergarten Room
 1 Wood Opera Seat
 2 Windows in Sanctuary
 1 Pew
 Cross at Front of Church
 3 School Desks Lower Classroom)
 3 Desk Chairs Lower Classroom)
 1 Pew
 2 Wood Opera Seats
 3 Additional Communion Trays
 Center Flower Vase
 Purple Altar Paraments
 Portion of Stage
 S.R.A. Rec. Lab. Primary Grades
 3 Wood Opera Seats
 Science Kit
 Set of Encyclopedia
 Painting of Church, School and
 Teacherage
 Desk for Sacristy
 Red Silk Altar Paraments
 Baptism Wall Candelabra
 1 Window in Sanctuary
 1 Window in Sanctuary
 Library Memorial Fund
 for Mr. Erwin Bangert

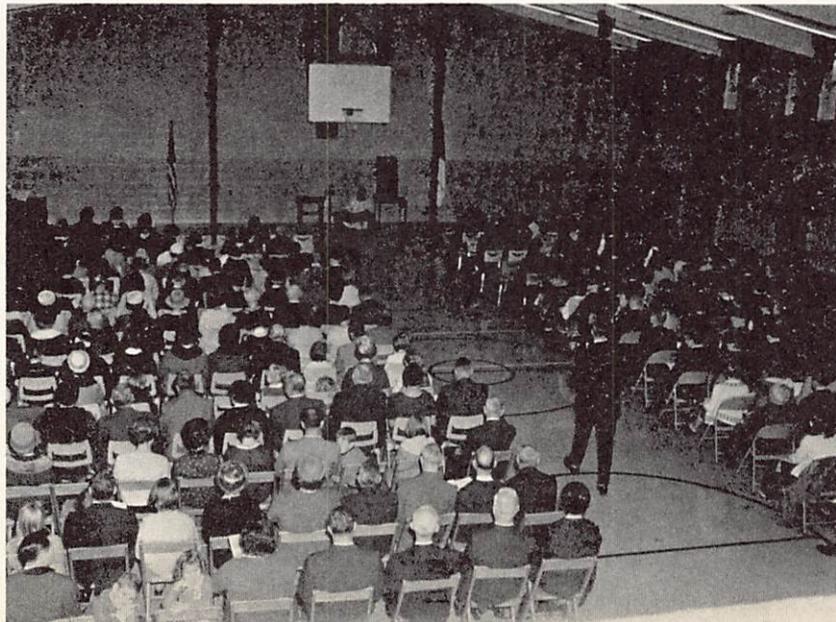
 Special Gift
 2 Adj. Desks for Lower Grades)
 2 Adj. Desk Chairs for Lower Grades)
 1 School Desk Upper Grades
 1 Prie-Dieu

Mr.&Mrs. Wilfred Marten
 Nancy Marten
 Floyd Marten
 Mr.&Mrs. Henry Lind
 Mr.&Mrs. Winston Moeller
 * Choir - Memory of Erwin Bangert
 * Karl Witkop
 * Mildred Ellman & Mrs. Henry Krull
 Mr.&Mrs. Fred A. Lemke
 Mr.&Mrs. Marvin Werth

Mr.&Mrs. John Kureczka
 * Mr.&Mrs. Philip Moll
 * Pankow Family
 Pastor & Mrs. C. W. Rabe
 St. John Ladies Aid Society
 St. John Walther League
 * Mrs. Esther Stange
 * Mrs. Leetta Middlemiss
 St. John P.T.L.
 * St. John P.T.L.
 * Mr.&Mrs. Erwin Bangert

Mr.&Mrs. Norman Gombert & Sons
 AAL Local 965
 Mr.&Mrs. Walter Thiemecke & Family
 Mr.&Mrs. Norman Andrees
 Mr.&Mrs. Benjamin Mueller & Family
 St. John Mens Club Bowling League
 Eastern District Educators Conf.
 Principals Club
 Area Teachers Conference
 Empire Vault Company
 * Mrs. Norman Stange and Family

 Mrs. Martha Siegmann
 From Frank



Contributions to the Building Fund

June 1961 to August 1966

Not only those who purchased a Special gift or made a Memorial are gratefully acknowledged by our congregation today--but also those who have contributed to buy the brick, the cement, the steel, the wire and the labor. Our congregation has decided that those also "who have borne the labor and the heat of the day" be acknowledged in this booklet. May God richly bless every cheerful and sacrificial gift and giver!

The William Abbs	\$ 52.50	Mrs. Mildred Ellman	\$ 570.00
Mr. William Abbs Jr.	1.46	The Darl Englands	823.00
Miss Bonnie Abbs	.15	Miss Diane England	49.25
The Henry Albrechts	23.25	Miss Sandra England	35.25
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The William A. Andrees	1,447.00	Mrs. Patrick Gallagher	27.65
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Mr. David Andrees	.25	Mr. Douglas Garlapo	64.60
The Ernest Andrees	2,079.00	Mrs. Leonard Gaze	5.60
The Norman Andrees	1,850.00	The Norman Gomberts	224.00
Mr. Barry Andrees	533.00	The Allen Grawes	1,345.00
The Erwin Bangerts	234.00	Miss Martha Grawe	339.00
Miss Susan Bangert	14.25	Mr. Daniel Grawe	53.65
The Ronald Becks	241.25	Mr. Edwin Grawe	203.00
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Mr. Dale Behm	9.87	The Wilbur Grawes	746.00
Mr. Dennis Behm	12.25	The Edw. Greinerts Sr.	609.00
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Mr. Robert Behnke	543.00	The Otto Greinerts	201.00
The Ronald Behnkes	157.50	The Stanley Grzesiaks	60.00
Mr. George Bergholtz	5.00	The Alvin Harders	948.00
Mr. Herbert Beutel	621.00	Mrs. Amanda Harder	316.00
The Jesse Blackmons	832.00	Mr. Henry Harder	161.00
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Mr. George Boddy	60.50	The Norman Harders	1,432.00
The Joseph Breszkas	1.05	Mr. Ronald Harder	302.00
The Chester Broeckers	1,124.00	Mr. Dennis Harder	262.50
The Rollin Broeckers	240.00	The Victor Haseleys	1,186.00
Miss Patricia Broecker	2.65	Mrs. Agnes Hauser	28.00
Mrs. Henry Broecker	299.00	Mr. Wallace Hauser	310.00
The Herbert Browns	62.25	Mrs. Emma Heisterberg	32.00
Mrs. William Bundy	2.50	The Kenneth Henrys	511.50
Mrs. Jay Chace	1,848.00	Mr. Clarence Heppner	743.00
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Miss Susan DeLorm	1.75	Mr. Wayne Herman	181.00
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Mr. Dan Dietrich	10.00	The Clarence Heuers	869.00
The LaVern Doeblers	432.00	Mr. Dana Heuer	59.95
Mrs. Ruth Duerr	15.70	Miss Peggy Heuer	18.75
The Donald Donners	548.50	The Harold Heuers	1,193.00

Mr. Curtis Heuer	\$ 72.20	The Dennis Martins	\$ 587.50
Miss Mary Heuer	11.50	The Emery Martins	625.00
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Mr. Edw. Hildebrandt	211.00	The Eugene Martins	418.50
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The Robert Horacks	1,563.00	The Wilfred Martins	351.50
Miss Donna Horack	2.50	Miss Nancy Martin	48.35
Mr. Edward Huebner	669.50	Mrs. Ella Mavis	38.00
Mr. Gustave Huebner	27.00	Mr. Erwin Mavis	1,373.00
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Mr. Dale Jagow	1.00	The Don. Mellenthines	545.00
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Mrs. Mildred Jeskey	17.00	The Darrell Millers	62.80
Miss Joyce Johnidos	32.50	Mr. John Miller	7.20
The Bruce Kratts	176.50	The Richard Millers	309.20
The George Kratts	3,915.00	Miss Linda Miller	55.75
Miss Natalie Kratts	5.00	The Ervin Moellers	1,202.00
Mrs. Vera Krause	169.00	Miss Bonnie Moeller	9.00
The Henry Kruegers	987.00	The Winston Moellers	2,039.00
Miss Marsha Krueger	.40	Mrs. Josephine Moll	178.00
Miss Gertrude Krull	110.00	Miss Karen Moll	191.75
The Henry Krulls	125.00	The Philip Molls	900.00
The William Krulls	568.00	Mr. Bruce Moll	36.25
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Mrs. Dallas LaBarber	35.00	The Julius Moritz	484.00
Mr. Herman Landow	10.00	The Benjamin Muellers	7,345.00
The Alvin Lemkes	1,196.00	Miss Candace Mueller	6.75
Mr. Roger Lemke	84.00	The Brent Muellers	943.50
Mrs. Edward Lemke	7.00	The George Muellers	1,802.00
The Fred Lemkes	1,972.50	Mrs. Walter Mueller	240.00
The Richard Lemkes	252.00	Miss Doris Mueller	650.00
The Wallace Lemkes	753.00	The William Murrays	362.50
Miss Patricia Lemke	58.75	The Richard Musalls	976.00
The Christian Lichts	586.00	Mrs. William Muhlbauer	25.25
The Donald Lichts	423.75	The David Nachreiners	604.25
Mr. John Licht Sr.	820.00	The Jesse Newburys	544.00
Miss Gayle Licht	51.00	Miss Linda Newbury	13.05
The John Lichts Jr.	624.50	Mr. Richard Ostwald	44.00
The Albert Linds	2,253.00	The Charles Pahls	2.00
The Henry Linds	1,350.00	The George A. Pankows	305.00
Mr. William Lindke	25.43	The George W. Pankows	331.00
The Dale Luthers	1,302.50	The Harold Pankows	1,503.00
Mr. Eric Luther	22.75	Miss Betty Pankow	6.00
Miss Nancy Luther	3.00	The Vernon Pankows	226.00
Miss Lori Luther	7.25	Mr. Vernon Pankow Jr.	50.75
The Walter Mains	350.65	Mr. William Pankow	20.43
Mrs. Harold Macallister	423.00	The Wallace Pankows	603.00
Mr. Charles Macallister	87.75	The Richard Poerschkes	876.00
The Gerald Mantes	17.56	Mrs. Roger Pollow	4.70
The Wallace Martens	1,303.00	The Donald Proefrocks	186.00
Mr. Keith Marten	260.00	The Eckhart Proefrocks	1,599.00
Mrs. Albert Martin	22.75	Mr. Gerald Proefrock	225.00
The Arnold Martins	860.00	Miss Jean Proefrock	64.55
The Billy J. Martins	54.00	The Pastor C. W. Rabes	1,909.00

Miss Rachel Rabe	\$ 23.80	The Richard Siegmans	\$ 212.00
Mr. Joel Rabe	47.05	The William Siegmans	500.00
Mrs. James Redding	258.50	The Alfred Stanges	139.00
The Orwin Robersons	242.00	The Henry Stanges	2,817.00
The Ralph Rogers	2,019.00	Miss Hulda Stange	15.00
Mrs. Carl Runge	67.00	The Norman Stanges	287.00
Mrs. Larry St. Cyr	147.05	Mr. Douglas Stange	58.30
Mrs. Julius Sarkovics	422.00	The William Stanges	1,221.50
Mrs. Herman Sattelberg	256.00	Miss Colleen Stange	25.15
The Roger Sattelbergs	334.00	The Carl Stenzels	1,732.00
The William Schades	487.00	Mr. Kent Stenzel	45.10
Miss Diane Schade	4.00	Miss Kathleen Stenzel	57.65
Mr. Gary Schade	4.00	The Erwin Stenzels	2,153.00
The Myron Schaffers	189.00	The Leroy Stenzels	1,061.00
Miss Karen Schaffer	12.10	Mr. Duane Stenzel	101.60
Miss Hulda Scheibert	266.00	Mr. Myron Stenzel	1,146.50
Mr. Erwin Scheibert	265.00	Mr. Herman Stieg	355.00
Mr. William Scheibert	2,129.00	Mr. Edison Stieg	178.91
The Fred Scherrers	1,813.00	Mr. James Strom	132.75
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Mr. Fred Schimschack	224.00	Mr. Russell Strothman	2.00
The Otto Schmidts	1,361.00	Mrs. Lorraine Tasner	84.00
The Burton Schmidts	510.00	The Rev. J. Thiemeckes	1,370.00
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The Robert Schroeders	439.00	Mr. Roy Toellner	1,097.50
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Miss Susan Scott	40.55	Mr. William Travis	2.05
The Roy Seiwells Jr.	753.00	Mrs. Mary Urtel	49.00
Mr. Lewis Seiwel	.95	The Victor Verchs	2,309.00
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Miss Connie Shaffer	11.60	The Herbert Werths	644.00
Mrs. Bonnie Craven	5.05	The Louis Werths	1,620.00
Miss Linda Shaffer	5.40	The Donnel Werths	373.50
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Mrs. Warren Shields	50.00	The William Wiegands	1,230.00
The Donald Siegmans	104.00	Mr. Walter Williams	95.00
The Harold Siegmans	668.00	Mr. Charles Witkop	20.00
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The Henry Siegmans	450.00	Mr. Ronald Wolf	24.00
The Howard Siegmans	529.00	Mr. Gerald Wolf	31.00
The Lester Siegmans	722.50	The John Wolfs	1,205.00
Mr. Larry Siegmans	2.20	Mr. Gary Wolf	51.00
The Melvin Siegmans	375.50	Mrs. Stanley Woodcock	633.50
Miss Karen Siegmans	5.05	Mr. Clarence Urtel	1.00

The Albert Zastrows	\$1,354.00
Miss Nancy Zastrow	652.00
Mr. Paul Zastrow	406.00
The Edward Zastrows	84.00
Miss Linda Zastrow	7.60
Mr. Elton Zastrow	10.00
The Walter Ziehms	2,091.00
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The Lester Ziemendorfs	254.00
Miss Minnie Ziemendorf	126.00

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Miss Doris Licht	1.10
Mr. Danny Newbury	1.95
Miss Elaine Schmidt	2.01
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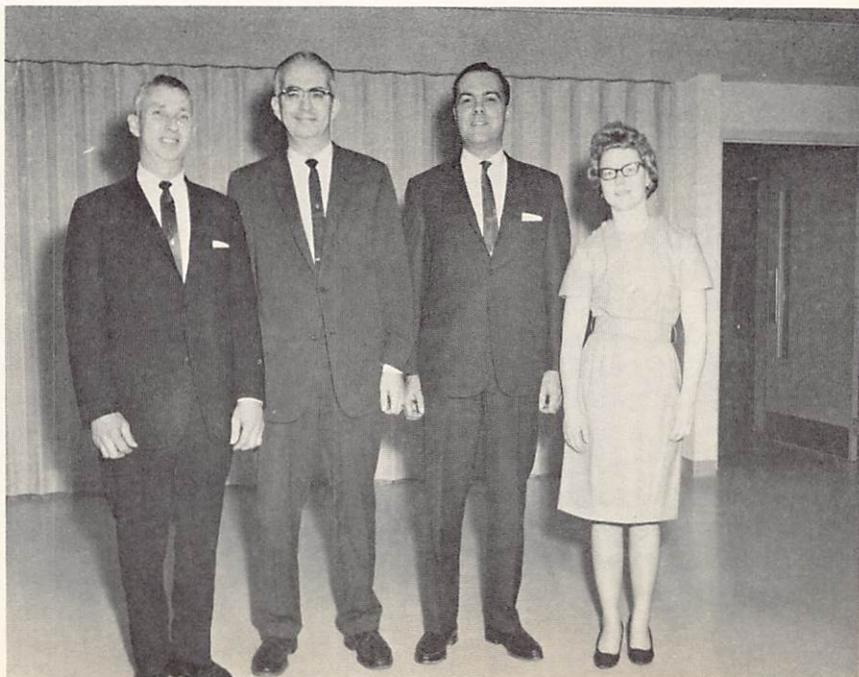


BUILDING COMMITTEE

Mr. Clarence Heuer
 Pastor C. W. Rabe
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 Mr. Clarence Wolf
 Mr. Benjamin Mueller
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 Absent:
 Mr. George Kratts

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICERS

Mr. Clarence Heuer
 Mr. Leroy Stenzel
 Mr. LaVerne Harder
 Miss Karen Moll



Those Who Built

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Structural Steel
Concrete
Acoustical Tile
Millwork
Roofers
Weather Stripping
Doors and Frames
Glass and Glazing
Lath and Plastering
Tile Flooring
Painting
Ceramic Tile and Novotraz
Decorative Metal & Brass Work
Finish Hardware
Folding Doors & Gym Equipment
Church & School Furnishings
Renovation & Enlargement-Organ
Kitchen Equipment
Altar
Metal Partitions in Restrooms
Janitorial Equipment
Test Borings
Teacherage
Paint
Concrete Pipe for Teacherage
Tile for Church
Tile Flooring and Paint
School Desks
Grading at Teacherage
Demolition
Driveway
Stacking Chairs
Cork Boards
Sidewalks
Altar Furnishings
Books and Supplies
Kneeling Pad
Inside Brick
Outside Brick
Carpet
Lighting-Teacherage and Cross

Personal Acknowledgements

St. John Lutheran Church, North Tonawanda, N.Y. is Grateful:

To Christ, "Who loved the Church and gave Himself for it."

To our members, who gave sacrificially of their possessions, time, and talents to bring to fulfillment the erection of this complex of buildings.

To the Building Committee for its untiring, dedicated efforts, and its patience in dealing with a multitude of perplexing problems.

To our beloved pastor, Rev. C. W. Rabe, for his leadership, zeal, courage; and for literally putting himself, his life, and his strength into this building program these last six years.

To the Building Fund campaign committees, the canvassers, the hostesses, the Schuler Estate Committee, the Building Fund Treasurer and the Investment Committee.

To the architectural firm of Cannon, Thiele, Betz, Cannon, Shackleton, and FitzGerald; and especially to Messrs: Ted Shackleton, Bob FitzGerald, and Harry Wright, who have guided us to the completion of this structure which is so practical, versatile, economical, and strong in its beauty and simplicity.

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To that little band of faithful workers who gave so many of their hours and talents in seemingly endless painting, fixing, building, fitting, moving, and cleaning on Monday and Tuesday evenings, as well as at odd hours during the week, to help save many thousands of dollars for our Congregation with their labors of love.

To the Ladies' Aid which gave the substantial gift of a \$9,000 kitchen to our congregation.

To Mr. George Frederick Albert Schueler, who died March 26, 1960, naming our congregation to receive the residue of his estate. (Note. A special plaque has been struck which will shortly be unveiled in memory of this thoughtful gift to our congregation.)

And finally, to anyone who inadvertently is not listed here, or elsewhere in this book, and who is deserving of our mention and of our gratitude we extend it with our sincere apologies.

The Dedication Committee