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# *100th Anniversary*

St. Luke  
United Church of Christ

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THE STARKE COUNTY HISTORICAL  
MUSEUM  
401 S. MAIN STREET  
KNOX, INDIANA 46534

In compiling this book we tried to bring to you some information about the church, former members, and pastors. We are sorry that we did not have pictures of all the founders and pastors, but we want to thank all who helped by loaning these pictures for reprinting. Some of you loaned us your only picture of grandparents and parents--Thanks, we are sincerely grateful.

It has been very interesting looking up old records and reminiscing of years past. We hope you will enjoy reading the book as much as we have in putting it together.

We truly appreciate and thank God for our heritage and for the dedication of all the members through the years. This book is dedicated to all the ancestors who worked so faithfully in the vineyard of the Lord. We are especially grateful to the founders for the many sacrifices they made to give St. Luke's its beginning. Several of our present day members are children and grandchildren of founders.

As we close out our first century as a church, we are looking ahead to the future confident that there will be new challenges to face that will keep us busy doing the work of the Lord. As we move ahead, may we be inspired by those who have walked before us.

Sincerely,

The Anniversary Committee

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 1, 1991

Dear Friends:

Barbara and I are delighted to send our congratulations as you celebrate the 100th anniversary of St. Luke United Church of Christ of San Pierre.

We can all rejoice in what your house of worship has meant to its members. A place of prayer, fellowship, reflection, and renewal, it has also been the focal point for many acts of generosity and service to others. Indeed, because the faith and values nurtured within its walls are the foundation of strong families and communities, your Church has been a source of strength for our entire country.

You have our best wishes for a joyous celebration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Geo Bush", is written in a cursive style.

St. Luke United Church of Christ  
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### The Pastor's Study

We the congregation of St. Luke's Church give thanks to God as we celebrate with thanksgiving one hundred years of service to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We would hope that this directory will assist each one of us in becoming better acquainted with our church family. The better we know each other the better we can work and worship together, and the deeper our concern for each other will become.

We pray that St. Luke's Church will continue to be a blessing in the service of our Lord.

In The Love of Jesus



Larry and Mary Sakel



Rev. Larry and Mary Sakel



Rev. Helen and Dean Nusbaum  
Interim Minister



Rev. Leonard and Betty Stark  
First Resident Pastor



Rev. Clyde and Doris Hunter  
Last Resident Pastor

## Founders of St. Luke United Church of Christ

AUGUST & HERMAN ALBERDING were not founders of St. Luke Evangelical Church, but they came to San Pierre in the early years and had a business here and we thought it would be interesting to mention. August and his son both were born in Wildeshausen, Oldenburg, Germany. August was born January 21, 1804 and Herman was born November 30, 1833. They came to San Pierre in the early 1860's. Herman had a tannery located where the Old Falvey Store stood, across the street from the fire station. His father made shoes, boots, harness, and other leather products. They also purchased several acres of land southwest of San Pierre.

GERHARD ALBERDING was the son of August, born March 12, 1840 in Wildeshausen. He was baptized and confirmed in the Evangelical Lutheran Church. He married Gesina Luken, sister to Herman Luken, January 26, 1866, at the Alexandria Protestant Evangelical Lutheran Church in Wildeshausen. Gesina was born November 20, 1841 at Alhorn, Parish Grosenkneten, Oldenburg, Germany. She was baptized and confirmed in the same church as above by Reverend Mass. She was the daughter of John Herman and Catherine Marie Wilke Luken.

In 1868, with their small daughter, Katherine, they immigrated to the United States, leaving Bremerhaven on Vessel Vaser, July 8, and arrived at Castle Gardens in New York, July 28, 1868. When they arrived in San Pierre, they lived with August and Herman for one month until their log house was built on a farm three miles southwest of San Pierre. He purchased this land from his brother Herman.

Gerhard was one of the founders of St. Luke and held several offices on the church board. His family received their early training at St. Luke and some of the descendants are still members. Charles was a life-time member and also served several times on the church board as well as being active in the church. His sister Katherine married Henry Menge and had three daughters and was also a life-time member. The daughters were; Ella, who married John Dolezal. They were married by Reverend Brenion and were life-time members. Ella was our pianist and organist for 45 years and John was a Sunday School teacher and was on the Church board a number of times and was active in many ways. Frances and Esther married Paul and Edward Hardel respectively and all were sincere workers in the church. Paul was the superintendent of Sunday School for over twenty years. All four were very active in both Sunday School and church and the older members remember how we had to rehearse for special programs, especially for Mother's Day and Christmas. We have many happy memories. Edward will celebrate his 100th Birthday July 19, 1991. His wife Esther is 91 years old and lives with their son Merrill and family.

Charles married Aletha Sparks and their seven children were all baptized and confirmed in St. Luke, and several of the descendants are still members.

Gerhard passed away December 28, 1912, and Gesina passed away June 4, 1928. In 1919 Gesina and Katherine moved from the farm to their newly built home that is now owned by Emma Eckert Zimmerman.

EDWARD BAKER (in German records it is spelled Becker), one of the founders of St. Luke in 1891, was born June 17, 1850 in Germany. He married Rose Will who was born in Fansbury, Germany, December 25, 1854. Edward and Rose were married in Germany in 1874. Two of their children were born in Germany.

Edward and Rose and their small children settled in San Pierre and he worked on the railroad section crew. Railroads were very important in those days and several of the local men worked hard to keep the railroad tracks in repair. Edward was a faithful member and served on the church board several times and was also janitor.

The Bakers had ten children and were baptized and confirmed (some at St. John our sister church and before St. Luke was organized and built) and some in St. Luke. Their children are; EMIL who was raised and schooled in San Pierre, later married and worked in Kalamazoo, Michigan in a paper mill. HERMAN never married and worked on the railroad. He died from an accident when the hand car he was riding jumped the track and threw him off. JOHN was a barber in San Pierre for many years and also repaired shoes. They had two children and their son lives in the home place in which his grandparents lived. LEWIS was also a railroad man but was a station agent in San Pierre and later in southern Indiana. He married a local girl, Martha Kain. They had one son. EDWARD also was a station agent in Union Hill and Momence, Ill. PAUL was a musician and had one child. MILDRED died when she was young. HULDA married August Alberding, son of Gerhard. He was also a Station Agent and worked most of his married life at Salem, Ind. HATTIE (Adelaide) who played the organ at St. Luke from 1908-1911. She married Ralph Kingman. They lived all their life in San Pierre. They operated a grocery store where the Post Office is now. They also had a creamery where farmers would bring their cream in to sell. Ralph was also an auctioneer. Their son CLYDE was a musician and also operated the store after his father's death with the help of his mother. He was also a life-time member of St. Luke and served on the church board several times. ADELAIDE, named after her mother, was baptized and confirmed in St. Luke and was a member until her marriage to Bruce Todd when she moved to DeMotte where she and Bruce owned the Todd Funeral Home. She is still interested in the church and the members.

Mrs. Edward Baker died in 1919 and Edward passed away in 1927.

JULIUS HINES, a brother to Herman was born July 21, 1851 in the Providence of Posen, Germany. He came to the United States when he was ten years old with his parents. His parents lived in Michigan City for a while before coming to this area. His parents purchased a farm

northwest of Medaryville, which is now owned by the State of Indiana and known as the Medaryville Youth Camp for boys.

Julius married Charlotte Luken, a sister of Herman Luken, one of the founders of St. Luke Evangelical German Lutheran Church. They were married January 4, 1880. They had five children; Henry, Edward, Fred, Anna and Ella.

Edward and Fred were farming with their father when he died March 16, 1917. The boys continued to farm and care for their mother. Charlotte died Feb. 3, 1943.

WILLIAM LUKEN was the brother of Herman Luken. Both were among the founders of St. Luke Evangelical German Lutheran Church of San Pierre, Indiana. William was born in Oldenburg, Germany, November 3, 1849. He came to the United States in 1868. William lived in Baltimore, Maryland for several years before coming to San Pierre where the rest of the family settled. He was a cabinet maker and carpenter but later went into merchandising. He married Elizabeth Saelter in 1877. They came to San Pierre in 1880 and purchased the general store located where John Dolezal had the general store for years and now is the IGA. He operated the store for sixteen years before selling it and moving to North Judson and starting a one-man bank and also went into the insurance business. After several years with the bank he sold it to a group of men but continued with the insurance agency. William later moved to Michigan City and was in the clothing business there. When his health was failing, he moved to Chicago to be with his daughter Charlotte Salzer.

William passed away January 13, 1927 in his daughter's home. He was brought back to San Pierre for burial. Services were in the St. Luke Church and burial was in the San Pierre Cemetery. He was 77 years old.

HERMAN HEINRICH LUKEN was born in Alhorn, Oldenburg, Germany, June 2, 1843. He married Anna Katharine Cording, also of Oldenburg. She was born August 3, 1843. She died February 13, 1897.

Herman settled on a farm southwest of San Pierre, arriving here from Germany. The farm is still in the Luken Family. Herman was one of the founders and faithful members of St. Luke as well as his family. They were baptized and confirmed and most of the grandchildren were also baptized and confirmed here. Two of the grandchildren are still members, they are: Helen Batzka Rosch and Ralph Long. Duane Dolezal was until he passed away just before this went to press.

Herman and Anna Luken's children were; Catherine Gesina (Sena) Hine, Sophia Luken Long, Henry, Julia Luken Weinkauff, Anna Luken (never married), Elizabeth (Mrs. Otto Dolezal) and Charlotte (Mrs. Fred Batzka).

When Herman left the farm, he purchased the house that is now the St Luke parsonage. He lived with his two daughters, Anna and Elizabeth. Herman passed away January 30, 1914. Elizabeth married Otto Dolezal and they continued to live in this home and they also made a home for Anna

with them. Otto and Elizabeth had a son, Duane, who built a home just a block away. Duane moved away and Otto moved into Duane's home. This was at the time St. Luke was looking for a parsonage for our first residence pastor and Otto offered it to St. Luke. This was in 1954. It seemed unique since Herman was a founder of the church and now St. Luke owns his retirement home.

HERMAN HINES was born in Kalmar, Germany on March 16, 1859 and came to the United States at the age of 4. His family settled in Michigan City, and lived there for twelve years before coming to Medaryville, in Jasper county on a farm. When he was 21, he went to Chicago to work. Then on April 4, 1888 he was united in marriage to Gesenia (Sena) Luken, daughter of Herman and Anna Luken. They owned a business in San Pierre for a number of years. Later he delivered the mail from the depot to the post office for number of years on a high wheel cart until the mail was delivered to San Pierre by truck.

Herman and Sena lived on the corner where the San Pierre bank is now located. The house was moved a block south. Herman and Sena's home was a gathering place for relatives and friends. Many of us have good memories of the fun times spent on their big front porch.

Herman was one of the founders of St. Luke Church and held a number of offices on the church council and committees and was also the janitor for a number of years. Janitors were very important in those days as the heating system was a wood and coal burning stove.

Herman and Sena celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary April 10, 1938. The records show that 247 people came to congratulate them. The many friends that came was certainly proof how well liked they were.

Herman passed away January 7, 1950 and Sena died November 26, 1954.

GUSTAV RUDOLPH KOTTKA, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kottka, was born in Wirsitz County, Germany, January 9, 1850. He immigrated to the U.S.A. in 1886, first living in New York and then coming to San Pierre. When he arrived in San Pierre he followed his occupation of railroading for many years up until his retirement.

On August 5, 1891 he married Augusta Priem. To this union three children were born, one dying in infancy. There were the following step-children; Mrs. Louis Stitz, Mrs. Otto Stitz, Mildred Priem, John and Henry Priem. Their children were Mrs. Herman Kruger and Mrs. Albert Baumgardt. Mrs. Baumgardt passed away in 1991.

Mr. Kottka was one of the founders, a charter member, and was faithful to St. Luke until his death on July 6, 1940 at the home of his daughter Mrs. Herman Kruger.

CHARLES KRUGER, a charter member of St. Luke, was born October 31, 1859 on the home place in the Blue Sea area. He was the son of Carl and Dora Kruger. Charles married Louise Shedrow (in the German record it is spelled Schuttrow).

Charles came to San Pierre in 1885 and was a Section Foreman for 48 years on the Monon railroad.

Beside working on the railroad, he was very active in the church. He helped build St. Luke's church, was a Trustee at the time. He was the first Sunday School Superintendent, was janitor, served on the council several times and also served where needed. He was a member of the Council at the time the property was purchased for the church.

Charles and Louise were the parents of three daughters and one son. Herman was also active in the church holding office several times, was janitor, a handy man to help out wherever needed. Herman married Louise Kottka and they had one son Donald. Donald was also baptized, confirmed and sang in the choir until he moved to LaPorte to live. He has been a great help obtaining pictures and information for this book. Thanks.

Charles Kruger was a foreman of the railroad section crew until he died March 11, 1933 of a sudden heart attack at the age of 73.

HENRY KRUGER, a charter member of St. Luke, was born August 11, 1863 on the Kruger farm near St. John Church northeast of Medaryville. This was in Pulaski County. He lived on the farm and farmed for a number of years before moving to San Pierre and later to North Judson.

On May 15, 1889 he married Louise Spenner. They had six children and two are still living in 1991. They are Grace Kruger Zacker and Elsie Bahl, both of Winamac.

Henry helped build the church in 1891. He was a very dedicated man and a faithful church member. He passed away March 23, 1933, just days after his brother Charles died. The funeral services were from St. Luke and burial in the San Pierre Cemetery.

HERMAN BADENHOOP FAMILY. Although they weren't charter members, the Badenhoop family was very active in the church and it seemed they should share in this history. Space doesn't allow to give an account of every one but each one has played an important part in the life of the church.

Herman was born in the Kingdom of Hanover, Germany, March 20, 1849. His ancestor's records date back to 1688. His father was a farmer. He was educated in Germany but at the age of 22 he embarked on the vessel Hanza to the United States at Bremen and landed in New York. He lived in New York, Chicago, then Will County, Illinois, before coming to San Pierre. While he was in Will County, he met Elizabeth Klein. She was born and raised in Will County but her parents had come from Germany. They were married in Will County in 1875. Mr. and Mrs. Badenhoop lived there until 1896 when they moved to San Pierre and became members of St. Luke. Their children are: Herman was in the cement business in Hammond, Mata and Louise lived in Illinois. Mary married Fred Stoltz. They had three children. Anna married Joe Fenzel and they had four daughters. Margaret and Lucille live in Hammond, Evelyn married Reverend Richard Selmer both confirmed at St. Luke as well as all the girls. Esther, the youngest married Morton Harrington II and are members of St. Luke. Paul and Otto never married and lived and farmed the home place after the death of their parents. They remained on the farm until poor health resulted in them going to

Little Company of Mary to spend their last days there. Their sister Elizabeth never married and also remained on the farm. All of them were active members of St. Luke. When Herman retired and lived here, he was active doing whatever he could to help. He spent many hours helping at the church when the basement was put in 1941. Elizabeth was also very active in church and the Ladies' group. Mr. and Mrs. Badenhoop had a son Henry who died at the age of nine months. The farm home is still in the family.

JOHN TESMER married Augusta Ebend from Germany and immigrated to the United States in 1883, locating in San Pierre. They lived here for 12 years before moving to Wilders where they spent the rest of their lives. They had 12 children, 6 boys and six girls. John was one of the founders of St. Luke Evangelical Church of San Pierre and both were members until God called them Home. Their services were held in St. Luke and burial was in the San Pierre Cemetery. Mrs Tesmer died April 4, 1907. The date of John's death is not known.

STANISLAUS PAWLISCH was born in Germany in 1851 and passed away July 29, 1928 at the age of 77. He was the Sunday School Superintendent for many years beside serving in many other church offices. He also served as janitor for several years. Most of their children were members here for a while, and some of the older members remember them.

Mr. and Mrs. Pawlisch lived on a farm 2 miles northeast of San Pierre and farmed for thirty years. He then retired to San Pierre and lived across the road from Zion Evangelical Church. He was a member of St. Luke for 35 years coming here shortly after the church was founded.

They moved to Ft. Wayne to be near their family because of failing health.

AUGUST WILHELM KRUMM was born in Germany on July 11, 1844 and died at his home in San Pierre June 27, 1928 at the age of almost 84. Mr. Krumm immigrated to the United States when he was a young man settling for a few years in New York. It was here that he met Henriette Tesmer and they were married February 16, 1873. After living in New York a few years, they moved to San Pierre, Ind. He followed his vocation of farming, residing on a farm 2 miles north of San Pierre. After farming several years, he retired and moved to San Pierre, where they lived until they were called Home.

The Krumms had five children; John, Martha, Emma (Brown), Magdelene (Mathews) and Mildred (Carrol). They also had two grandchildren, Herbert, who was the father of Phyllis Mathews Lawrence and Evelyn our own Babe Ammons.

August Krumm was a founder of St. Luke and was one of the first members of the church board. He was a faithful member and served St. Luke in several ways.

Funeral services for Mr. and Mrs. Krumm were from St. Luke Evangelical Church and burial was in the San Pierre Cemetery. Mrs. Krumm was born January 14, 1847 and died January 5, 1929.

JOHN F. WILL was born in Germany, April 16, 1842. He was married to Augusta Walter, April 5, 1867. They came to the United States and landed in New York, October 14, 1870 and came

to Wanatah and lived there for five years. They moved to San Pierre to a farm north of San Pierre. Mr. Will was a charter member of St. Luke and was active in the Church and was also the carpenter when the church was built in 1892. (In those days only the man was a member unless the husband died.)

John and Augusta had ten children, two dying young, others were; Mrs. Matilda Will Hankey (mother of Christian Hankey), Alfred Will who died through violence while at his post of duty in Hammond on September 23, 1933, Alfred was married to Bertha Tesmer. Other children were Herman, Mrs. Augusta Gust, Ewald Will, Otille Will, Gustave and Mrs. Amelia Hoppe.

John lived on the farm until 1919 when he had a sale and moved. Ralph T. Kingman was the auctioneer and Owen Daly was the Clerk.

John lived an active and Godly life and was a faithful member of St. Luke. He died January 25, 1932. Mrs. Will died December 13, 1923. Both are buried in the San Pierre cemetery.

The following names were also founders but information on them is not available. If anyone has any information on them, please let someone know at the church. Thank you:

CHRISTOPHER TESMER married Christine. Second marriage was to Wilhelmina Will in 1872. He died April 2, 1911 and she died August 4, 1911.

EMIL MATHEW married Emilie Dreblow.

GUSTAV SCHLEP married Elizabeth Sceboth.

AUGUST KRIPISCH --

JOHN KAUPÉ --

## Founding Families



Alberding, Gerhard



Baker, Edward



Hines, Herman



Hines, Julius



Kruger, Charles



Kruger, Henry



Krumm, August



Luken, Herman



Luken, William



Will, John  
(Founder)

## Founders Without Pictures

1. John Kaupke
2. August Kripisch
3. E. G. Matthews
4. Christopher Tesmer
5. John Tesmer
6. Gustov Schlep

## Past Pastors



Schlutius, G.  
1890-1896



Weiss, C. E.  
1896-1899  
1919-1925



Bizer, J. J.  
1900-1904



Brenion, E.  
1907-1919



Schaible, J.  
1927-1935



Rest, K. R.  
1935-1942



Miller, M.R.  
1942-1949



Mayer, E.  
1950-1952



Luedtke, W.  
1955-1967



Mimplitz, Jn.  
1968-1973



Hendrix, K.  
1974-1976



Sledge, D.  
1977-1979



Hardt, A.  
(Interim)

Hausman, W. 1899-99  
Papsdorf, T. 1904-1907  
Buehler, B. 1926-1927  
Meckstoth, N. (interim)

# Pastors of St. Luke United Church of Christ

## 1891-1991

### REVEREND GUSTAV HERMANN ALFRED SCHLUTTIUS: 1890-1896

Reverend Schlutius was born on February 19, 1855 in Konitz, Pommerania, Germany. He was the son of Herman and Bertha Schlutius. He attended Berlin Mission House. In 1883 he came to the United States. In 1884 he entered Eden Seminary and was ordained in July, 1887. On August 10, 1887 he married Emilie Sohms.

Reverend Schlutius pastored St. John, Blue Sea and St. Luke, San Pierre, from 1890-1896. Reverend Schlutius died December 31, 1923.

### REVEREND CHRISTOPHER E. WEISS: 1896-1899 & 1919-1925

Reverend Weiss was born on August 19, 1865 in Steinhaus, Bavaria, Germany. He came to America in 1881 at the age of 16 years old. He attended Eden Seminary from 1893-1896 and was ordained July 19, 1896. He married Elise Kempe in 1889.

Reverend Weiss pastored St. John, Blue Sea (NE of Medaryville) and St. Luke, San Pierre from 1896-1899 and again from 1919-1925. He lived in the St. John's parsonage which made a trip to San Pierre about ten miles one way over very bad roads in the winter and spring. He often walked to St. Luke because the roads were too muddy for the horse and buggy to get through. He would walk down the railroad track because it was too muddy to walk through. Gerhard Alberding had built a large wheeled wagon and he often went after Rev. Weiss, because he could get through the muddy roads with the larger, wider wheels. Being yoked with San Pierre made a large area for the ministers to go and visit and minister to the sick, but they did it willingly.

In the early years the ministers received very little pay and would have gone hungry had it not been for the members giving them meat, milk, eggs, vegetables and home ground flour.

The following was taken from the North Judson News of the San Pierre Department written by our own John Dolezal Jr., August, 1928.

Rev. Weiss was a man who won friends not only for himself, but who through an appealing personality and a gift of power in line with his calling, won his friends to God, ever standing firm in any view he took of a matter as God gave him light to see that matter.

He was especially a favorite with the younger set, blessed with the foresight that upon the young rested the future church. His Sunday School which he organized before he left is the fruit of his labor here, having grown to the number of 140 members.

From St. Luke-St. John, he went to Dexter, Michigan, where he pastored a church there, but he was in failing health and passed away about 2 years after he left San Pierre. His mother died December 8, 1919 and Rev. Weiss died August 8, 1928. There is no information on his wife or family.

REVEREND WILLIAM HAUSMANN: 1899

Reverend Hausmann was at St. John-St. Luke for less than a year. He married Lydia Hess, October 22, 1914.

REVEREND J.J. BIZER: 1900-1904

Reverend Bizer was born on January 27, 1871 in Wuerttemberg, Germany. He attended Eden Seminary and was ordained in 1893. In 1897 he married Martha Elisabeth Aufderhaar. He served St. Luke and St. John during the years of 1900-1904. He died May 2, 1933.

REVEREND THEODORE PAPSDORF: 1904-1907

Reverend Papsdorf was born on October 27, 1882. He attended Elmhurst College and Eden Seminary and was ordained in 1904 from the church his father was serving in New Buffalo, Michigan. He was from LaPorte, Indiana. When he first came to St. John, Blue Sea, he was a bachelor, and his mother and brother came to help clean and get settled. The parsonage needed cleaning, and the first thing he had to do was buy a stove to heat water for cleaning. Imagine how moving would be for us today if we had to set up a wood stove, cut wood, and wait until the water was hot in order to clean. Since he was a bachelor, he had no furniture, kitchen supplies etc. A couple of members hauled the furniture he purchased in a wagon. At first Rev. Papsdorf felt very lonely but he soon felt very comfortable as the people were so friendly and nice. Times were very hard and very little money was available. He said often he would go without pay and then would receive only a few dollars. No doubt St. Luke couldn't afford to pay very much either. He stated that they had very little money but no one spoke about money or the lack of it. Farm members would give him milk, eggs, meat, and vegetables and also cut wood for the stove. One time when he bought 2 bushels of oats for his horse a member asked how much he paid for it. When he said 35 cents a bushel, he told Rev. Papsdorf that that was too much, oats is only 11 cents.

Reverend Papsdorf told of a trip he was called on to make beyond Wilders. With St. Luke yoked with St. John, it made a large area for him to serve and minister to the sick and shut-ins. He was called to give communion to a dying lady. It was a dark and stormy night, and when he got to the Kankakee River, it had spread out in a great flood. The low wagon bridge was under water and he was afraid to risk his horse on that unsafe bridge. He left the horse and walked through the icy water and the current threatened to wash him off the bridge. He arrived at the house frozen stiff and the man gave Rev. Papsdorf some dry clothes and hung his by the stove to dry. Rev. Papsdorf was so cold he couldn't talk, but after a cup of hot coffee he was able to give the lady communion. He said

the lady's grateful look he would never forget. He had to go back the same way to his horse and buggy. His horse was shivering from the cold and he was again wet and freezing stiff and had the long trip back home which was at least 15 miles. Needless to say he was glad to finally reach home which was early in the morning. He dried his horse and put him away then went into the cold house and to bed. He knew the Lord was with him as he never caught a cold and he thanked God for his safe trip home. This is just one experience and there are many such stories that the early pastors could relate of the many such trips they made at all hours of the night. These pastors went through many hardships, but they were very faithful and dedicated to our God and were willing to do what ever they could for their members and the community.

Reverend Papsdorf returned to St. Luke to give the dedication message of the church basement on August 17, 1941, which drew a crowd of 350 people. At this time he was in New Bremen, Ohio.

Our thanks go out to ministers who went through many hardships, but at that time as he said, it was the way of life and they were thankful for what they had and that they could serve the Lord.

What a heritage we here at St. Luke have through the past 100 years from pastors such as Reverend Papsdorf and others, and for our ancestors that gave us so much. We thank God for all of them.

Reverend Papsdorf died November 25, 1945. His home town was LaPorte, Indiana

#### REVEREND ERNEST BRENIION: 1907-1919

Reverend Brenion was born June 17, 1872. He attended Elmhurst College and Eden Seminary. He was ordained in 1895. Reverend Brenion died November 25, 1945.

#### REVEREND BENJAMIN HERMANN BUEHLER: 1926-1927

Reverend Buehler was born November 8, 1864 in Warrentown, Indiana. In 1894 he married Maria Thiss. He graduated from Eden Seminary in 1903 and was ordained on October 4, 1903. He pastored St. John, Blue Sea, and St. Luke, San Pierre, Indiana, from 1926 to 1927. He died June 16, 1928, in Terre Haute after having surgery. He pastored a church there.

#### REVEREND JOHN ALBERT SCHAIBLE: 1927-1935

Reverend Schaible was born September 2, 1873, the son of Michael and Katharina Schaible, immigrant farmers from Germany. He attended school in Manchester, Michigan where he was born. He attended Emmanuel Church regularly and was active in the Young Peoples Group. He loved God and his Saviour Jesus and was greatly inspired to proclaim Him to all the world and to become a missionary to some far off land. John's pastor the Reverend Schaettle advised him to study at the Rhenish Mission in Barmen, Germany. All the young people in the church and his friends went to

the train to wish John, God's speed. When his mother said good-bye she said to him "May the Angel of the Lord lead you". His daughter, Katherine, said he told her he never forgot those words.

John studied at Barman for 5 years or more. He was now ready to follow Jesus words "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to the whole creation". He left Germany and traveled for weeks by ship till he arrived in Walvis Bay, a British cooling station. In those days there were no means of transportation except by donkey, cart, and on Horseback. He traveled into the wilderness on the way to Oreambold to be a missionary among the Oreambold, but a terrible war broke out. The Herero tribe started to murder all the white masters so the missionary Society ordered him to return to Walvis Bay and take the place of Johannes Bohne (who became his father-in-law later) who was the missionary among the Hottentots or among the NAMA people, which is their real name. Here he met Maria Bohne, who was the daughter of Johannes Bohne. He married her October 16, 1904. It was here that their five children were born.

The Nama people or Hottentots as the white people called them were not black like other Africans. They were of a light, reddish-brown color. They also spoke with a click in their language. Mrs. Schaible was a great help to Reverend Schaible because she could speak the Hottentot or Nama language and could help him pronounce the words especially the clicks. Mrs. Schaible also taught school for the Nama children, and knew their customs. Reverend Schaible was a missionary there for 18 years. At first Walvis Bay had only 30 white inhabitants counting children, but when the Schaibles left Africa, it had several hundred. They now have over several thousand there.

When Reverend Schaible and his family came to the United States they went back to Manchester, Michigan. He served several small churches in Michigan before coming to Wanatah in 1923. In 1927, St. Luke was yoked with Wanatah Salem. He served both churches until his sudden death on April 11, 1935. Shortly after Reverend Schaible came to St. Luke he organized the Missionary Society with 51 members. Mrs. Schaible was elected president.

Reverend Schaible was not only a good minister, but with his experience in the mission field he could explain about the mission work first hand. They had several projects related to mission work.

Reverend and Mrs. Schaible had five children, 3 sons and 2 daughters, Arthur, Herbert, Walter, Katherine, and Mary. The two girls are still living. Mary lives in Vermont and Katherine lives in Whitter, California.

This information was given by Reverend Schaible's daughter Katherine Schaible Pelton.

#### REVEREND KARL H.A. REST 1935-1942

Reverend Karl H. A. Rest was born in Larchwood, Iowa, September 19, 1908. He grew up in Marshalltown, Iowa. He was confirmed June 9, 1922. He graduated from the Elmhurst College

Academy June 9, 1925. He received his B.A. degree June 7, 1929 from Elmhurst College and a B.D. degree from Eden Theological Seminary June 4, 1931.

In 1913, he attended the Friedrico Wilhelm University in Berlin, Germany, through the German Student Exchange Fellowship for Study for one academic year.

Reverend Rest received a Master of Arts degree in Sociology from Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri on June 12, 1934.

He was ordained as a minister at the Evangelical Church of Peace, Marshalltown, Iowa, September 11, 1932.

The churches he served during his 36 years in the ministry are as follows below. He served in Manly, Iowa from 1932 to 1935. He led the Salem Evangelical in Wanatah, Indiana and the St. Luke in San Pierre from 1935 to 1942. During this time he also was part time supply pastor for St. John Church in Medaryville. He pastored Immanuel church in Detroit, Michigan from 1941 to 1950 and the Emanuel Church in Manchester, Michigan from 1950 to 1958. Then he moved to Tonawanda, New York, and served Salem Church from 1958 to 1973. Reverend Rest retired September 30, 1973 and moved to Rochester, New York. During his first few years of retirement he served as a supply pastor for several churches in his area.

Reverend Rest was called to served at Wanatah and San Pierre following the death of John Schaible in 1935. While he served San Pierre, he had a large youth fellowship group. The last meeting before he left was held the evening before they were moving. Even though they had a lot of packing to finish, Reverend and Mrs. Rest came and received a surprise farewell. Those who were there hold sentimental memories of the night. As they left through the basement door, the group followed them outside. The snow was falling softly around them as they walked to their car and we bid them farewell. It was very touching and the memory remains like a picture painted in our minds.

Rev. Rest was married while at St. Luke to Ruth Edythe Hessert, Oct. 30, 1941 at the St. John Church in Ft. Wayne. When they left in Jan. 1942, they went to Immanuel in Detroit.

During Rev. Rest's 36 years in the ministry, he wrote *Story Talks for Children* (1942), *Prayer Book* (Edited 1950) *Our Good Enemies* (1964). He also wrote literary articles, sermons, and devotional literature.

In 1969 Rev. Rest was a delegate to the International Theological Seminar in Germany. It was held in Hamburg, Berlin, and Munich, Germany. The same year Rev. Rest returned to Wanatah to be their guest speaker at a confirmation reunion.

Rev. Rest's wife, Ruth, was born in Ft. Wayne, Indiana and attended all grades of school there. She graduated from Ball State University June 1938 and taught in Ft. Wayne schools from 1936-1941.

Rev. and Mrs. Rest have two children. Allan Karl Rest was born Aug. 12, 1947 and adopted a year later. He attended Tonawanda schools Kindergarten-12th grade and Lakeland College in Wisconsin.

He served 3 years in the army. He is presently living in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Martha Ruth was born July 4, 1950 and adopted the same year. She also attended Kindergarten-12th in Tonawanda schools. She attended Defiance College. She is presently in Rochester N.Y. and married to Tom Gilreath. Children are Sean M. Ayers and Kristin R. Ayers.

#### REVEREND MELVIN MILLER: 1942-1949

Reverend Miller was born April 6, 1912 in Holland, Indiana. He received his education for the ministry at Elmhurst College in Elmhurst, Illinois, and from Eden Seminary, in St. Louis, Missouri. He graduated in June, 1936, and was ordained on June 7, 1936.

He married Dorothy Meyers in Holland, Indiana on June 14, 1936. Dorothy was born August 17, 1912, and graduated from Indiana University in 1934. She was a teacher.

Reverend Miller's first charge was in Gerald, Missouri from 1936 to 1942. From there they moved to Wanatah, Indiana, and served Salem and St. Luke at San Pierre. In 1949 they moved to Warren, Michigan and served there until 1960. In 1960 they moved to Woodland, California and served there until 1967 when they moved to Redding, California to a Methodist Church. Their last church before retiring was in Paradise, California from 1968 to 1974. Reverend Miller retired in 1974 and still lives in Paradise.

The Millers had four children and a foster daughter. They are: Mary Ann Gousha of Napa California, Dr. John Miller of Pella, Iowa, Dr. Richard Miller of Louisville, Kentucky, Barbara J. Olsen of Sacramento, California, and their foster daughter Judy Sturges of Vancouver Washington. They have eight grandchildren.

On July 20, 1986 in Paradise United Methodist Church Hall they celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary, hosted by their children.

While in San Pierre they were active in Church and Missionary Society. At one time he served not only Wanatah and San Pierre, but also supplied St. John, St. James at Francesville and also Beaver when they were in need of a minister. He tells how he preached at Wanatah, then came to San Pierre. At 2:30 he was at St. John. He would take a sack lunch, and then take a nap on the church bench before his evening service. That was a long drive and also a long day.

Reverend and Mrs. Miller are in good health and have enjoyed their 17 years of retirement in sunny California. St. Luke wishes them many more years together.

As St. Luke celebrates their 100th year the Millers send their Best Wishes to all who remember them.

#### REVEREND EDWIN F. MAYER: 1950-1952

Reverend Mayer was the son of Frederick and Martha Jedelev Mayer of Farmington, Michigan. He graduated from Elmhurst College in 1910. He graduated from Eden Theological Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri in June of 1913.

He served as a secretary of the North Illinois District of the Evangelical Synod from 1923 to 1927. He served as president of the Michigan district of the Evangelical Synod from 1934 to 1938.

Reverend Mayer served as president of the Michigan-Indiana Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church from 1938 to 1942. He served as secretary of the Board of Publications of the Evangelical and Reformed Church for 14 years. He also served as a member of the First General Council of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and was reelected for a second term. He attended nine General Synod meetings as an official delegate. Reverend Mayer also served at various times as a member of the Board of the Deaconess Hospital in Detroit, Michigan, and the Evangelical Children's Home of Detroit, Michigan.

Besides all of the different offices Reverend Mayer held he still served as pastor of the following churches: Bremen, Indiana; Lansing, Michigan; Grant Park, Illinois; for 21 years First Bethany Church of Detroit, Michigan; and on February 1, 1950 he started as Pastor of Salem of Wanatah, Indiana and St. Luke, San Pierre, Indiana. He served St. Luke for two years at which time St. Luke decided to have their own pastor.

On June 30, 1963 Reverend Mayer celebrated fifty years in the ministry. Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church held a Golden Anniversary Service in his honor. Reverend E. A. Irion of Zion U.C.C., St. Joseph, Michigan gave the Invocation, The Tribute was given by his college classmate from Chicago Heights. The Address was given by Reverend Robert C. Stanger, President of Elmhurst College and our own son of St. Luke, Reverend Richard Selmer gave the closing prayer. Reverend Selmer was serving St. Peters U.C.C. of St. Joseph, Michigan.

Reverend Mayer married Emelia (Nee) Vohs on October 17, 1916, at St. Louis, Missouri. They had three daughters: Mrs. Margaret Huffman, Pasadena, California; Mrs. Martha Bell, Altadena, California; and Mrs. Dorothy Birkenmeier, St. Louis, Missouri.

Reverend Mayer had a very busy life and from his record he was a very dedicated servant of the Lord.

A news item in the North Judson News was written by John Dolezal, a member of St. Luke, about Reverend Mayer's last sermon at St. Luke.

"Reverend Edwin Mayer, who has served the congregation of St. Luke's Evangelical and Reformed Church in connection with his Wanatah Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church for the past two years, preached his last Sermon to the St. Luke's congregation on Sunday June 22, 1952. He will be succeeded by Reverend Leonard Stark who was ordained on Sunday, June 15. Reverend Stark will hold his first services in St. Luke on Sunday, June 29, 1952."

### REVEREND LEONARD ALBERT STARK: 1952-1955

Reverend Stark was born August 18, 1922 at his parent's home on a farm near Springport, Jackson County, Michigan. His parents were John Stark and Bertha Pielemeier Stark. On his father's side his grandparents came from Germany and on his mother's side his great-grandparents came from Germany and settled in Freelandville, Indiana—the same town where Mary Sakel's forebears settled. They all became part of the Evangelical Synod. Reverend Stark's first 8 grades were in a one-room country school. He graduated from Springport High School where he was the Valedictorian of his class. He was baptized and confirmed at Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church in Albion, Michigan. He has two brothers, Walter and Arnold. Leonard is the middle one. Walter lives at Pleasant Hill, Tennessee, and Arnold in Lansing, Michigan.

After High School, Reverend Stark was a farmer for 3 years and then on May 15, 1943, he was drafted as a Conscientious Objector and did alternative service for three years in New York, Oregon, and in a mental hospital in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Reverend Stark attended Heidelberg College, Tiffin, Ohio in 1946-1947, and then from 1947-1949 he attended Olivet College, Olivet, Michigan, where he completed a B.A. degree. He attended Eden Theological Seminary, Webster Groves, Missouri from 1949-1952 when he graduated with a Bachelor of Divinity degree and he later achieved a Master of Divinity degree in 1970.

On March 27, 1948 he married Betty Thorne at the First Congregational Church, Owosso, Michigan. Betty was born July 1, 1919, a daughter of Jacob and Grace Merrell Thorne, at their home in Highland Park, Michigan. She attended Elementary and High School in Owosso, Michigan. After graduation she worked for Consumers Power Company as a secretary in the Engineering department for 7 years. She was baptized and became a member of the First Congregational Church, Owosso, Michigan. For 15 months in 1944-45 she worked for the Director of Religious Education, Detroit Council of Churches. She has one brother Merrell Thorne, Owosso, Michigan. Betty graduated from Olivet College, Olivet, Michigan, in 1949 with a B.A. degree. While at college she managed the College Cooperative Bookstore.

While Reverend Stark was in Seminary he was an assistant at Christ E & R Church in Belleville, Illinois, in 1949-50. In the summer of 1950 he worked on a survey for New Mission Church, Fairview, Illinois. Then from 1950 to 1952 he was a student pastor at Friedens E & R Church, Caseyville, Illinois. He was ordained June 15, 1952 at Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church, Albion, Michigan. His brother Walter was ordained at the same service.

Reverend Stark's church after being Ordained was St. Luke, San Pierre and he was St. Luke's first resident Pastor. After leaving San Pierre, he served as an organizing mission pastor of a new congregation, Garden Grove, California, and helped construct the first building. From July 1957-August 1963, he was the pastor of St. Paul's Community, United Church of Christ, Lakewood, Colorado. From August, 1963-1968 he was the pastor of St. Luke's U.C.C., Burlington, Iowa. From

September, 1968-December, 1972 he was the pastor of Peace U.C.C., Duluth, Minnesota. From January, 1973 to 1975 he pastored the Church of the Brethren, Nappanee, Indiana. He served the West Elm U.C.C., Lima Ohio from August, 1975 to May, 1978. From April 1978 to November, 1981 he served as Executive Director of Church People for Change and Reconciliation, Lima, Ohio, a Social Justice Ministry. From 1981 to August, 1987 he was pastor of St. John's U.C.C., Coopersburg, Pennsylvania, and helped build a \$240,000 addition to the building. Reverend Stark also served as the last President of Rocky Mountain Synod of the E & R Church from 1961 to 1963. He was the first Moderator of the Colorado Conference of the U.C.C. in 1962-1963. He also served as a member of the Commission on Worship of the U.C.C. from 1963 to 1969. He retired in 1987.

Reverend and Mrs. Stark have two children, Susan Elizabeth and Richard John. Susan was born March 21, 1953, South Bend, Indiana. She married Tor Bejnar December 29, 1981, Wilmington, Ohio. She graduated from Wilmington College, she is a singer and has made two recordings. They have two daughters: Satya and Krystal. They live at Canaan, New Hampshire.

Richard John was born August 31, 1959, at Colorado Springs, Colorado. He works as a dispatcher for police, fire and ambulance departments and lives at Hellertown, Pennsylvania.

After Reverend Stark's retirement, he and Betty traveled in 24 countries in Europe from August 1987-1988.

Since September 1988, they have made their home in the Uplands Retirement Village Pleasant Hill, Tennessee, related to the United Church of Christ.

When Reverend and Mrs. Stark came to St. Luke in 1952 it was a new experience for the church members as well as for the Starks as this was their first church. After being yoked with St. John and Salem at Wanatah for 61 years it was a big step to take, but it has been a blessing. We at the church are grateful for the Pastors for the time and sacrifice they were so willing to give to serve St. Luke so well. It was a big decision to make to have our own minister as there was a lot of expense involved, but it has proved to be the right decision.

Reverend Stark suggested having Lord's Acres, where farmers set aside some acres for the church or some gave shares like rented land. Farmers tilled the land and planted and cared for it and harvested it and other members helped too. This proved to be very helpful with the expenses.

The Stark's first lived in a rented farm house north east of San Pierre until the church could build or buy a house. Otto Dolezal had their home for sale and the church purchased it which has been very satisfactory to all the Pastors.

#### REVEREND WALTER A. LUEDTKE: 1955-1967

Reverend Luedtke served St. Luke from 1955-1967 as Pastor. They came from Urbana, Indiana, and arrived in San Pierre November 5, 1955, after the vacancy of Reverend Leonard Stark. Shortly after their arrival they celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary.

Reverend Luedtke was an active person not only in the church, but in the community as well. He was a member of the Lions Club, he served as secretary in the club. He was a member of the P.T.A., and was a substitute teacher at the High School in San Pierre. This was besides being a very dedicated person at St. Luke and its many jobs. He was very faithful visiting the sick in the Hospital, at home, and in the Nursing Homes. He was active in the N.W. Ministerial Association. He was also a teacher in Vacation Bible School, and the classes made very useful wooden gifts.

In 1964 plans were made to add a Parish Hall and class rooms to the church. The Parish Hall was built and was dedicated June 13, 1965 under Reverend Luedtke's leadership.

During Reverend Luedtke's ministry at St. Luke, he suffered several heart attacks and he decided to retire. In May of 1967 he and Mrs. Luedtke moved to Bensenville, Illinois.

Reverend Luedtke had served Churches in Urbana, Indiana; Hinsdale, Illinois; and Texas before coming to San Pierre.

When Reverend Luedtke left San Pierre a farewell dinner was served and a special service was held including the burning of the note from the Parish Hall. This was a special day for Reverend and Mrs. Luedtke to leave the church debt free.

Mrs. Luedtke was very active in the church. She was the organist for a while, and taught in the Vacation Bible School.

Reverend Luedtke passed away October 5, 1968 from a sudden heart attack in his home in Bensenville. The funeral service was held in the St. Peter United Church of Christ in Chicago on October 8. This church played an important part in Reverend Luedtke's life since he was baptized, ordained and was married to Gertrude Ross there. Interment was in Elmwood, Illinois. Several members of St. Luke attended the funeral. Three of our members served as pall bearers. They were Tom Paulsen, Emil Smolek, and Ed Will.

#### REVEREND JOHN MIMLITZ: 1968-1973

Reverend Mimplitz was the pastor of St. Luke from August, 1968-1973. He was ordained from Eden Seminary in Webster Grove, Missouri, in 1952. He served pastorates in South Dakota, Nebraska, and Dubois, Indiana before coming to San Pierre.

Reverend Mimplitz married Barbara Ellen nee Arbogast at St. Peter's U.C.C. in Granite City, Illinois, on March 29, 1946. They had five children. They both died of cancer.

#### REVEREND KENNETH GLENN HENDRIX: 1974-1976

Reverend Hendrix was born in Chicago, Illinois, on January 25, 1925, to Orno and Grace James Hendrix. After his family moved to Crawfordsville, Indiana his mother passed away when he was seven years old, and Kenneth was raised by his grandmother. As a teenager he attended the local Presbyterian church in Crawfordsville which was where he learned to play the organ—virtually 'by ear'.

On April 9, 1950 Kenneth married Olga Lipphardt Etchison, a war-bride of German parentage. She was a widow at the time and the mother of one son, John Theron Etchison. Kenneth and Olga had four children: Carolyn Joyce, William Michael, Timothy Stephen and Karl Alan, all born in Crawfordsville. Reverend and Mrs. Hendrix began attending the Lutheran church in that city where he became the organist. In 1963, Reverend Hendrix moved his family to Springfield, Ohio, in order to attend Wittenberg University to study for the ministry. In 1966 he became Lay Minister for the United Church of Christ. He served at several churches in both Indiana and Ohio prior to coming to minister at San Pierre.

In 1976, Reverend Hendrix moved to Dyer, Indiana, near Chicago, where he remained until March of 1980, at which time he returned to Sunman, Indiana, to be near his children and their families. Reverend Hendrix passed away on May 15, 1980 due to complications from cancer.

He was a faithful servant to his ministry with the churches he served; he loved the Lord, his church and his family; he loved all people and he loved life. He has left behind him four children, eight grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. Reverend Hendrix's widow Olga has remarried and is now retired and residing in Osgood, Indiana, in Buckeye Village Retirement Complex.

#### REVEREND DONALD SLEDGE: 1977-1979

Reverend Sledge served St. Luke from 1977-1979. He was born July 25, 1935 in Norfolk, Virginia. He attended Hampton High School but finished at the U.S. Armed Forces Institute, Madison, Wisconsin in 1956. He attended Marion College, Marion, Indiana and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He was ordained June 4, 1967. Reverend Sledge served churches in Charlotte, North Carolina, Raleigh, North Carolina, and Wilmington, West Virginia. From 1974-1977 he was out of the ministry, and worked at Wiener King, North Carolina Mobil Homes Inc., Bluefield, West Virginia, and Bonanza International, Greensboro, North Carolina, full time before coming to St. Luke.

Reverend Sledge married Janett Wynatt, April 24, 1954 in Hampton, Virginia. They had three children: Michael Dennis, Paul Mark, and Laura Lee Gail. He was divorced April 1, 1975. He then married Helen Dixon Northrop Carr. She had two children: Rebecca (Becky) Northrop and William Carr Jr.,

### REVEREND CLYDE K. HUNTER: 1980-1989

Reverend Hunter served St. Luke from January 1, 1980 to December 1, 1989. He was born May 30, 1929 on a farm west of Muncie, Indiana in Delaware County. He attended Harrison Township High School in Gaston, Indiana, and graduated in 1947. In 1951 he graduated from Taylor University with a Bachelor Degree. Reverend Hunter received his Master's Degree from Ball State University in 1953. He attended and took courses at Indiana State University from 1954-1956. He received his Doctorate Degree from Indiana University in 1957. He also attended Seminars related to various phases of the ministry averaging one to two yearly. He was ordained by Miami Reserve Christian Conference near Muncie and also in N.W. Association of Indiana-Kentucky Conference. Reverend Hunter has a High School teaching license in Indiana and an Indiana certificate of Counseling and Guidance and a Superintendents Certificate in Administration in 1957.

Reverend Hunter met Doris Bantz while going to Taylor, graduating the same year he did. They were married after graduation on July 4, 1951. They moved into the parsonage at Mooreland at that time, and pastored there while getting his Master's Degree at Ball State. From there he pastored at Merom, 1954-1957 while getting his Doctorate at I.U.. Reverend Hunter started Bethel Home Place for boys (now owned by Christian Haven Homes) from 1957-1962. Other Pastorates were Old Union at Edeninburg; Pleasant Hill at Wingate; and another Pleasant Hill at Union City.

Reverend and Mrs. Hunter with their daughter Ruth came to San Pierre, to pastor St. Luke U.C.C., January 1, 1980 and served St. Luke faithfully until December 1, 1989, when they moved to Lawrenceburg. Reverend Hunter was a very organized person and was a lot of help with the different committees. Besides being active in church he was also interested in community affairs. He directed the C.R.O.P. walks and helped organize the North Judson San Pierre Ministerial Association which not only helped people in need but sponsored Inter-Faith Services and Prayer breakfasts. Many improvements were made during his pastorate at St. Luke. He also was active with the youth group, Vacation Bible School, and was active in Sunday School and the women's groups. Reverend Hunter conducted a community survey, and members of St. Luke visited the different homes in the area. He was very faithful in visiting the sick and shut-ins at their homes, in hospitals and nursing homes. He also held services in Little Company of Mary along with other pastors taking turns.

Mrs. Hunter was a great help meet and she held Bible Study, was active in the women's groups and young people and was always willing to help where needed. Mrs. Hunter was the organist in St. Luke after our loss of Lauraine Smolek.

Mrs. Hunter graduated from Taylor University and Butler University with a license in elementary Education.

The Hunters have three children: Caleb, a school counselor at LaPorte, Indiana, with three children; Mark, who is in Electrical Engineering at Huntsville, Alabama with four children; and Ruth

who married Marc Henn, May 4, 1991 at Merom, Indiana. She is working as a Christian Psychological Counselor, and Marc is in Economics and they are living near Cincinnati.

The Hunters moved to Lawrenceburg to Pastor the Zion U.C.C., December 1989. Reverend Hunter plans not to retire until the end of the century at age 70 and even then plans to do something to be of service to the Lord's work. He says that God and the Churches they have Pastored have been GREAT!

#### REVEREND ALFRED HARDT: INTERIM

Reverend Hardt was born August 18, 1898. He graduated from Elmhurst College and McCormick Seminary. He was ordained in 1921. Reverend Hardt married Mabel Schultz April 14, 1925 in Chesterton. He pastored St. John in Chesterton and St. John in Michigan City. He also pastored 2 churches in Michigan. He was Vice President of the Michigan-Indiana Synod. He was honored at the Indiana-Kentucky Conference upon his retirement in June of 1963.

After retirement they moved to Madison, Wisconsin to be near their children. Later they moved to Glarus, Wis., and lived there until his death June 18, 1984. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1975. Mrs. Hardt moved back to Madison. In June of 1990 she moved to Hawaii.

Reverend Hardt served St. Luke as an Interim pastor during the time Rev. Luedtke was sick with his heart.

#### REVEREND HELEN NUSBAUM: INTERIM 1989-1991

Reverend Nusbaum served as Interim Pastor for St. Luke once a month or when needed from December 1989 to April 1991, during the time Reverend Lary Sakel was also serving as Interim Pastor. Reverend Nusbaum lives in Wakarusa, Indiana.

#### REVEREND LARY SAKEL: 1991---

Reverend Sakel was born in Red Bay, Alabama, where his father started teaching. Lary attended several grade schools as his father was a basketball coach. He attended and graduated from Stendal High School in the very southern part of Indiana (Pike County). He graduated with an A.B. degree from Evansville College, received a M.S. degree from Indiana State University, and a M.A. degree from Valparaiso University. He was head basketball coach for five years, three of which were spent at Freelandville, Indiana, Mary's home town. The last 28 years of his teaching career has been spent at Demotte, Indiana and Kankakee Valley High School. For the past 20 years he has served as Judge of Demotte Town Court. He has held various offices in the Gideons International since 1977,

traveling throughout the state as a Gideon speaker. He also holds a Juris Doctor Degree from Blackstone School of Law and a Certificate of Graduation from Moody Bible Institute.

Lary married Mary Kixmiller Cummings July, 1965. Mary was born in Freelandville, Knox County, Indiana and attended Bethel United Church of Christ every Sunday where both parents taught Sunday School. She graduated from Freelandville High School, received a Teaching Certificate from Indiana University, and then taught elementary School for 17 years in Freelandville and Kankakee Valley Schools. Mary was a secretary in the Auditor's office at the State House in Indianapolis for four years. She currently teaches two days a week as a Volunteer at Demotte elementary, and owns and operates a General store in Freelandville which now handles primarily children's Oshkosh clothing. The store has been in her family since 1846. Reverend and Mrs. Sakel have a son Ed Cummings, his wife and three children, Lauran, Mark and Ryan.

Reverend Sakel was installed as the Pastor at St. Luke on June 2, 1991. The Installation Day proved to be a very joyous occasion for the members of St. Luke to have a full time pastor after eighteen months since Reverend Clyde Hunter resigned. The occasion brought a record crowd of almost two hundred people in attendance.



ORGANIST andPIANIST



KRUGER, IDA



HINE, MAE (middle)



BAKER, HATTIE



HARDEL, HELEN ( lower left)



DOLEZAL. ELLA



SELMER AMIEL



LUEDTKE, GERTRUDE



FREY, CAROLINE

# ORGANISTS, PIANISTS AND ASSISTANTS

Ida Krueger(Kruger)	1903-1906	Lauraine Smolek	1966-1984
Mae Hine	1906-1907	Doris Hunter	1984-1989
Hattie Baker	1908-1911	Joyce Sheets	1989-1990
Amiel Selmer	1913-1917	Rodney Yosts	1990-1991
Helen Hardel	1920-1921	Joyce Sheets	1991-
Ella Dolezal	1922-1965		
Caroline Frey		Doris Hunter	
Gertrude Luedtke		Joyce Sheets	
Owen Eckert		Marilyn Wickert	
Rev. Kenneth Hendrix		Anne Marie Eckert	

## JANITORS

Herman Hine	Fritz Kulske	Germaine Jones
Edward Baker	Julius Dust	Beverly Jones
Charles Kruger	Herman Kruger	Gerrie Haman
	Wm. Frey	

There were times when the church was without a Janitor and members took turns and assumed the responsibility.

We are sorry if we have omitted any names from the above lists .

JANITOR'S AND FAMILIES



BAKER, EDWARD, HATTIE & JOHN



KRUGER, HERMAN & LOUISE



DUST, JULIUS & FAMILY



KRUGER, CHARLES & LOUISE



HINES, HERMAN —30—



KULSKI, FRITZ

# SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS



KRUGER, CHARLES & MRS.



HARDEL, PAUL & FRANCES



PAWLISCH, STANISLAUS & MRS.

Charles Kruger  
 Stanislaus Pawlisch  
 Paul hardel (over 25 yrs)  
 Wanits Dust Woosley 1950-51  
 Richard Selmer  
 Germaine Jones 1952-54  
 Lauraine Smolek 1955

August Wickert- 1957-59  
 Kenneth Eckert 1960  
 Lauraine Smolek 1961-62  
 Robert Douglas 1963  
 August Wickert 1965  
 Genevieve Hartle 1970-76  
 Don Smolek 1979-89  
 Edna Vanecek 1989- Present

Pastors from time to time have assumed the responsibility of  
 Sunday School Superintendent too.

## A TRIBUTE TO FRITZ KULSKE

As a tribute to Fritz Kulske, we are reprinting an excerpt from a previous newsletter under the heading "This is Your Life."

FRITZ KULSKE, we thank you for all you have done for the people of the St. Luke Church and the community through the years. As a "Jack of all Trades," you were always available to help others as a plumber, electrician, carpenter, locksmith, furnace repairman, etc. Often you would receive \$0.25 or more or food as pay.

FRITZ KULSKE was born in Pyritz, Germany on June 3, 1898. When he was eleven years old, he came to America and made his home with an Aunt and Uncle in Tefft, Indiana. They ran a general store, and he was kept busy helping them. He attended eight grades of the Tefft School. As a young man, he hired out to do farm work for the Elwood Davis family between Tefft and Wheatfield, boarding with them. Later on he was hired by the New York Central Railroad working at all of the various types of jobs connected with road work.

On May 26, 1922, he married Helen Bertha Hardel of San Pierre. After one year of living in Tefft, they bought a home in San Pierre, and there they had their two children, a son, Warren, and a daughter, Lorene. Mrs. Kulske died in January of 1942, after many years of ill health. Warren passed away in November of 1944 at the age of 21.

Fritz began working for John Dolezal until his retirement.

Fritz became a member of St. Luke Church July 12, 1923, soon after his marriage. During the ensuing years, he served as janitor for \$6.00 per year. This was an all-inclusive job in those days and meant starting a fire in the coal stove, shoveling snow, mowing the lawn, cleaning before and after weddings and funerals, ringing the bell, maintaining Church property by doing the repairs himself, and even sitting beside the Christmas trees when they had lighted candles on them ready to prevent a fire with his mop and bucket of water. When the congregation decided to put a basement under the sanctuary, Fritz was Chairman of Building Fund Drive. He was helpful when St. Luke became an independent church and received their own pastor. And, of course, he kept the record book for the Memorial Fund for thirty years. He considered St. Luke his second family and worried about each absent member. He also attended Sunday School each Sunday and had many years of perfect attendance. It is said that all the little girls wanted to sit by him. Fritz was concerned about the condition of the Church property and always wanted it well maintained.

Fritz passed away November 18, 1986 at the age of 88 years. His funeral service was held in his church he loved so much, St. Luke, and burial was in the San Pierre Cemetery.



We thy people and sheep of thy pasture will give thee thanks forever:  
We will shew forth thy praise to all generations. Psalms 79:13

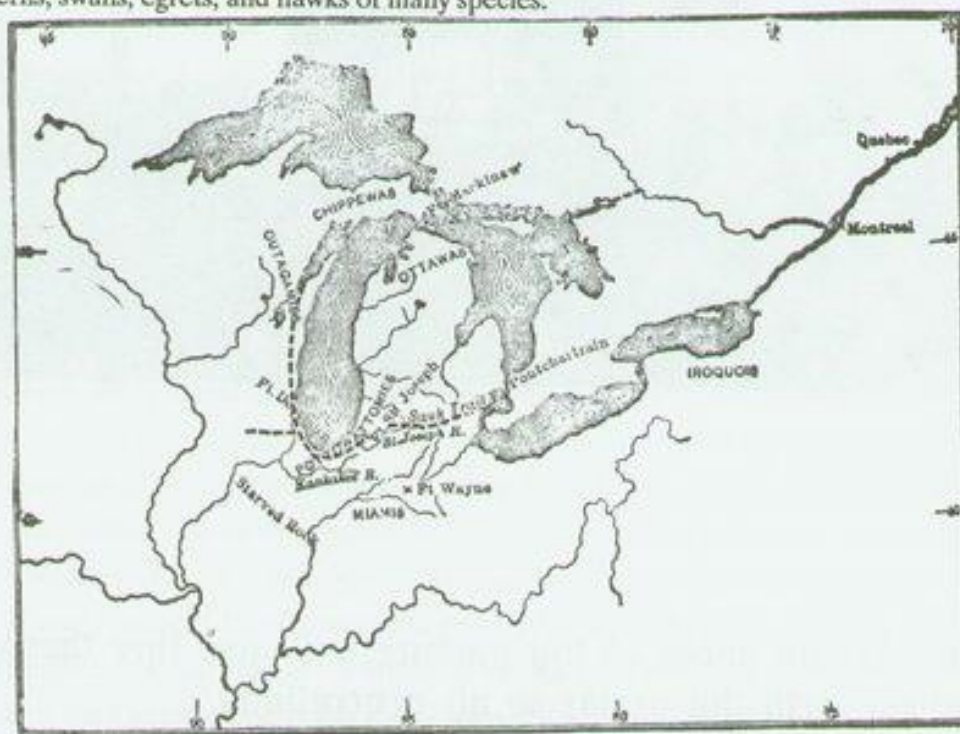
## A PAST REMEMBERED

1891-1991

St. Luke Church was born into a simple yet somewhat historic farming community, the foundations of which were just being laid in the late 19th Century.

Kankakee Land consisted of over a million acres of swaying reeds, fluttering flags, wild rice clumps, green moss beds, ponds, and black mire. The river wound through the sloughs and groups of islands.

There were tracts of reeds that could reach the height of 17-18 feet. Then heavy frosts would leave the blades dead. A fire brand dropped into this withered foliage would spread wildly—which would eventually burn holes into the peat beds. When one of these fires erupted one could hear howling wolves, barking foxes, whining raccoons, and the trampling of the wild horses in the area, all trying to escape the flames. Hastily retreating as well, one would see yellow finches, mallards, wild geese, bitterns, swans, egrets, and hawks of many species.



Kankakee Land and the region of the Great Lakes.

The Grand Marsh of the Kankakee Valley (*Kia-ki-ki*, Indian name for low swampy country), was inhabited by the Potowattomie and Mound Builder Indians. French voyagers frequented the area intent on building a New France early in the 18th Century, followed by fur traders. Eventually

the Indians recognized that the white man had brought in liquor (firewater) causing many problems between them. In 1827 the tribe signed a treaty giving land to the government for building roads. This, however, did not quell the thirst of the white man for more land, and we find the Potowattamie tribe forced to leave the area by 1838. One holdout was Chief Menominee, who was a Christian convert whose small band held services in a small mission Church near the area of what is now Plymouth. Within a few years they were forced out, and most miserably lost their lives on a trek further West. The legends and Indian Lore of this territory is a study in itself, and very interesting.

In a surveyor's field notes in 1833, we find a description of the area: "a lake of stagnant water, much of it apparently deep – Filled with gray ash, birch, maple, black alder, and rose briar bushes as thick as the hair on a dog's back. The larger timber is more than half dead or dying and falling. Water is 1-3 feet deep, very smelly, full of water animals." Grants of 40 acres each were being allowed by the government.

Starke County, named for a Revolutionary War officer, was next to the last county to be organized in Indiana, and on January 15, 1850 this section was cut off from Marshall County. The original county was a rectangular shape and included the area north of the river. The valley contained approximately 625,000 acres of marshland, and pioneers found much trouble with transportation across the area when they needed to go to the county seat. The land on the north, above the river was annexed to LaPorte County, and that county, "being more financially sound", assisted in the building of a bridge across the river.

Railroad Township was given its name for its unique position in the county, as the only township with a railroad, which at this time was important for shipping. The Louisville, New Albany, and Chicago (later known as the Monon) Railroad was built in 1852 going through a settlement known as Culvertown located near the site of the present Catholic Cemetery. The settlement was apparently renamed San Pierre. One writer states that it was named after a French Canadian railway worker, and adding the word San (a derivative of Saint) made it more important to him. Another source indicates that San Pierre is French for "without rock." It is said that Horace Greeley, of the "Go West, Young Man" fame, spent the night in the town after using a hand car from Monon when the train became indisposed. His trip to LaPorte for a speech was continued in the same fashion the next day.

Greeley described Culvertown as a "one horse town" – later called it a "no horse town" because he could not find a horse to continue his trip. Later described the trip through "an eerie prairie marsh" – saw no buildings or cultivation for thirteen miles in the "dense smoky fog".

The young Thomas Edison was an itinerant Telegrapher on the Monon Railroad, frequently rooming and boarding with a Dr. Lorenzo Glazebrook in San Pierre. Dr. Glazebrook was noted for his shorthand recording of the Lincoln-Douglas debates.

The village of San Pierre was laid out and streets apparently given names, in 1854, but did not become incorporated. During the Civil War it was the point of entrainment for the Union soldiers, as well as the return point for the sick and wounded. Stories were told of the attempt of the Copperheads (disloyal persons) trying to incite a riot by firing on the soldiers.

This railroad station, the first in Starke County, was a principal point of shipping for the county. Transportation by other means was difficult due to the swampy terrain. The overflow from the Kankakee often reached the hill where the Catholic Cemetery is presently located. Horse and wagon travel had to be via the tops of sand hills.

The natural resources, hunting, fishing and trapping became known throughout the territory and drew many visitors. Huckleberries, cranberries and marsh hay were principal "exports" of the day. Bog Iron found in the marshland, was retrieved and shipped to Marshall County for smelting. The removal of this substance was necessary before successful cultivation for crops could be realized. An early historian (Packard), quotes: "the Kankakee marshes will be the richest productive soil of our county", but there were many unproductive years before soil testing and drainage were practiced.

An old newspaper of 1876 shows Lorenzo Glazebrook as physician, and Henry VanZandt, as Justice of Peace and general land agent. The Star Route mailman carried mail from San Pierre to Knox over a corduroy road for \$163 per year. During the same period the San Pierre Cemetery land was purchased.

On May 1, 1865, the Abraham Lincoln funeral train made a stop in San Pierre, "at the break of day" on its way back to Illinois.

A new railroad, the "3-I" (Illinois, Iowa, and Indiana) later known as the New York Central, intersected the town from the West in 1881.

At one time San Pierre was a busy metropolis. There were four stores, a post office, a physician, two taverns, depot, four blacksmiths, livery stable, bank, drugstore, three churches and the "Daly House" described in an ad as first class in every respect. Eight passenger trains passed through San Pierre each day. Employment was available on the railroads, pickle factory, cement block factory, creamery and butter shop.

Entertainment of the times was chiefly and interaction between people. There were the traveling medicine shows with their elixirs and snake oils, chautauquas, box socials, the talent and tent shows, revival meetings, barn and house raisings, quilting and spelling bees, and square dances in the homes. An old newspaper item describes a public hall built for oratory and debating events as well as opera. Books, newspapers, and The Farmers' Almanac were the reading materials available. The Almanac and intuition were the weather forecasters--there were NO radio or TV forecasts!!!

Churches were a very important facet of the early pioneer. It brought people together in a community atmosphere. In 1886 we find there are three churches in San Pierre: the Roman Catholic (the first in the county), the Methodist Episcopal, and Evan. Union Church.

It was into this setting that a group of men, immigrants or their family members who came from Germany, met to discuss the possible formation of the German Evangelical St. Paul Church. Public notices posted in three business houses proclaimed that the elected trustees, on June 29, 1886 were John Will, Henry Moeller, and August Krumm. Nothing more is known of this particular organization except that the name St. Paul appears on a later 1912 insurance paper for our Church.

These same names appear on the early records of St. Luke also, so it seems that they continued to meet and finally proceeded to re-organize and form the evangelische St. Lukas (Lucas) Gemeinde associated with the Deutsche Evangelische Synode Von Norde Amerika. The original Constitution of this "Evangelical St. Luke Community of common thought" was written in German in 1891 and signed by the male heads of households.

The receipts for the salary received, \$31 per quarter, is written directly into the Financial Records and signed by the first pastor, Rev. Schlutius.

On September 14, 1891 a quit claim deed from Addison and Agnes Daggy for Lot #52, Town of San Pierre, was exchanged for \$10 to Herman Luken, John Will, and Charles Krueger. When they appeared at the County Seat to record it, on October 16, 1891, they found that the lot had been sold for the 1887-1888 taxes to Joseph Byers on Feb. 12, 1889 for \$6.82. During this period of delay, the group met in the Methodist Church. On March 2, 1892, the lot was finally made available to the church group.

On May 22, 1892 the building was dedicated. On that day Rev. Schlutius presented the congregation with a German pulpit Bible, which is still in our possession. It appears that John Will, a carpenter, was the "Chief Engineer" of the project. The members of the Church assisted in the building of the church and pews. Again, in the Financial Record, we find what appears to be a receipt (Quittung) for \$700, written and signed by John Will.

The early congregations were served by ministered in charge of a number of churches, possibly they were circuit riders. Rev. Schlutius served the Church for six years.

Among the names of the founding fathers and the first confirmation class in 1892, we find many familiar names: Krumm, Luken, Tesmer, Fanselow, Zabel, Priem, Alberding, Boecker (Baker), Henke (Hanke-Hankey), Bethke, Matthews, Hein (Hine), Scholz, Badenhoop, Dust, Mulius, Nutzman, Krueger, Pawlisch, Olscheski, Batzka, Will, Weinkauf, Long, Hardel, Tetzloff, Hauff. Later on a number of people transferred from St. John, Blue Sea. The records show there were many losses by death of children from one to sixteen years, during this early period. Biographical sketches of a number of these families are written up in "*Starke County*", a book written by Joseph McCormick in 1915.

The purchase of a bell for the Church was approved in 1897. Records show the cost of the Glochen (bell) to be \$112.84, bank draft \$.10, money order and stamps \$.10, and telegram \$.55 and freight \$2.57. The Glochen Hangen (the hanging of the bell) costs were \$6.00. A list of special

collections are shown, and the youth group loaned \$10.00 which was eventually returned to them. Before the days of modern communication, the church bell was used to convey messages to the community, along with calling members to worship. One could hear the tolling bell throughout the countryside, announcing the death of a member, followed by tolling the age of the deceased.

This same bell still announces our services here at St. Luke 94 years later. Pictures of the early Church show a fence around the property as late as 1923.

Between 1892 and 1900, 62 new confirmands were brought into the congregation. The first English class was held in 1914, and was taught at the old Alberding homestead on the Starke-Pulaski county line. Transportation by means of horse and buggy, or by foot, show that these classes were not without effort. In 1902, the proposal passed to have a German School, taught by the minister, held for six weeks each summer.

In 1903, at the request of the Synod, this congregation was yoked with St. John, Blue Sea, because St. Luke did not have facilities for housing the minister. It appears that Rev. T. Papsdorf was probably the first actual resident pastor there. His diary description of the parsonage is written in St. John's 100th year booklet. He arrived there with his mother, and the picture he drew in his description left much to be desired in the "manse" of that day. Some improvements were made before he brought his bride.

In 1906, it was decided to extend the front end of the Church 10 feet with the Altar and Pulpit to be "set back". The question of a "square" or "round" ceiling was an important issue, and after discussion at several meetings, the "round" ceiling was approved, 26 feet wide, and 10 feet deep, along the remodeled front. A new Altar and Kanzel (pulpit) were purchased from B. F. Hays Co. for \$125.00 and a chandelier with three oil lamps from Montgomery Ward for \$8.50; a new glass door; four Stuhle (chairs); coat rack; and a 10 foot ladder were other expenditures. The total cost for the Bau (building) was figured at \$499.23.

At the same time it was voted to build a coal shed and a shed for the minister's horse and buggy, both of which were completed the following year.

By 1915, San Pierre was experiencing growth, a population of 400, with three general stores, a drug store, meat market, grain elevator, three churches, a hotel, and a physician whom most of us will remember, Dr. Wm. J. Solt, also a member of St. Luke. The San Pierre Bank was opened about that time with John Dolezal, Sr., as founder. This bank proved to be a strong institution, withstanding the depression and four hold-ups (including one by the Dillingers).

The St. Luke congregation decided it would be advisable to hold more English services in addition to the German. It appears that these services were held every other Sunday, two services per month, with German and English alternating. Many of us can remember the days when the men sat on the west side and the women and children sat on the east side. The records still indicate the male heads of households, except for widows and unmarried women.

"Dues" were obligatory at \$1.25 to \$2.00 per quarter. Sontag Kollektion (Sunday Collection) ranged from \$.23 to \$1.53 on holidays. The Diverse Einnahmen (other monies taken in) and special collections were Ausgaben (given up) for the unexpected expenses.

In another redecorating project, nine Fuenster (windows) were purchased for \$25.00 each with the inscriptions costing an extra \$1.50. These were put in place in 1919, and they are still in place except for one which was in back of the altar.

By the 1920's the English influence was making an impression, and the Church was known as the St. Luke Evangelical Church of the Evangelical Synod of North America. Oil and matches for lamps were \$.22, a load of wood was \$.00, a new piano \$160, a new stove cost \$69.23, and a new fence and gate for \$35.28. Electricity for lighting was installed in 1924 at a cost of \$85.00. The Hymn Board was received through special gifts.

In the Memorial Cabinet you can find a Crucifix Candleabra purchased from W. Schmitt, Milwaukee for \$18.70 circa 1926. Special funds were obtained through pledges. Frequently the year end balance in Treasury was \$0.00.

During the rebuilding of the burned down school building, the churches and several residents opened their doors for the classes in 1923-1924.

The association with St. John was dissolved in 1927, at which time we became associated with Salem Evangelical at Wanatah. An Amendment to the Constitution now allowed "any previously baptized, confirmed, or communicant member of any Protestant denomination to be accepted as a member by letter of transfer or recommendation" and "all confirmands under 18 paying dues are eligible to vote in the congregational meetings."

The merger with the Reformed Church came in 1934, and we were known as the St. Luke Evangelical and Reformed Church. This Heritage stems from the European Reformation in the 17th Century. A group from the Evangelical Union in Germany brought the Church to the St. Louis area in the 19th Century. During the years that follow, St. Luke continued to progress physically and spiritually. There seemed always to be consideration and pride in the need to keep up the appearance of the Church building, as is noted in the several remodeling and renovation projects.

Many Projects have been accomplished through the years:

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| 1930 | Sidewalk laid on East side of Church.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 1937 | A new woodshed addition was approved.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 1941 | A renovation project included a basement under the sanctuary including an oil furnace, kitchen facility. A new cross appeared on the steeple. Many gifts were donated and much of the labor was done by members of the Church. The cost of the renovation and pews is noted at \$4,840.41. Running water and restroom facilities were added many years later. On the 50th anniversary of the Church, dedication was held with 350 in attendance at the all day event. |

- 1948 A new altar, pulpit, and lectern were given as gifts to the Church.
- 1956 A new Conn organ was purchased. Rev. Luedtke the pastor was an organist, and gave recitals and directed the choir.
- 1957 The Women's Guild gave the outside bulletin board.
- 1964-67 Ground breaking, building, and dedication of the Memorial Hall. The Women's Guild purchased kitchen cabinet and chinaware. The P.A. system was installed as a memorial for Rev. Luedtke.
- 1972 Air-conditioning was installed in the sanctuary. Closets were built in the Memorial Hall. The outside Nativity Scene was given.
- 1976 The Basement classrooms were carpeted by the Sunday School.
- 1978 Electric candleabra converted and acolyte ministry established.
- 1980 Family of God Hymnals were purchased
- 1981 Buzzers were installed throughout the building for Sunday School. New furnaces and security light installed.
- 1982 Memorial Hall Windows were replaced as a heat conservation project.
- 1983 Sanctuary repainted and carpeted as a Guild project. Storm windows were placed over the stained glass windows in the sanctuary. A new roof was put on the parsonage. On August 17th, lightning struck trees and the west wall of the Memorial Hall necessitating repairs.
- 1985 Our new organ was installed. Project Handicap established by Vesper Circle, enabling us to provide chairlift, hand bars in the bathrooms, handicap parking signs, and edges of steps painted safety yellow. The Church also received aluminum siding.
- 1986 Room dividers were provided by Vesper Circle.
- 1989 Memorial Hall was repainted and new blinds and valances were given by the Women's Guild and the Vesper Circle.
- 1990 The Church office was repainted and new drapes provided by the Vesper Circle. An answering machine, computer, "new" stencil cutter, and mimeograph machine were installed. A portable remote public address unit was given as a memorial.

Since our relationship with Salem was dissolved in 1952, it was imperative that living quarters be arranged for a full time resident minister. A rented facility was used for a while. Plans were made to build a parsonage, when the property now owned was made available in 1955.

The on-going need for repairs and improvements through the years has been handled with special funding. Despite financial crunches from time to time, St. Luke, has always been cognizant of their responsibility to the program and benevolences of the Church at Large.

Some projects undertaken during those years:

- 1952 God's Acre was established as a means of providing income for parsonage purchase.

- 1947            Memorial Fund was established to be used at the discretion of the congregation for special purposes. Fritz Kulske held the Treasurers office for this fund for over thirty years.
- 1980            The Community Concerns Fund established for assisting the needy with hospital, doctor bills, fuel bills, the Church and Society Committee has control of how it is disposed. A dinner has been held for Senior citizens. Food and fruit baskets are distributed at Christmas to the homebound and needy.

The merger with the Congregational Christian Church in 1957 effected our transfer from the Michigan-Indiana Synod to the Northwest Association of the Indiana-Kentucky Conference of the United Church of Christ. This heritage began with the Pilgrim and Puritan Congregationalists merging with the Christian Church in 1931.

In 1967, we invited members of the dissolving E.U.B. Church to join us, and we are proud to have them and their families with us to this day.

Gradually the need to reorganize and sophisticate the structures of the local church body was realized. Three elders and three trustees comprise the Council along with the Pastor. The constitution has been revised a couple of times. In 1977 it was voted to have women eligible for Council. Lay ministries actively working within the church include: Worship and Evangelism; Christian Education; and coordinators for Newsletter, Readers, Acolytes and Greeters; Bible Study groups as well as adhoc committees created when necessary. Our Pastors have been active in the North Judson-San Pierre Ministerial Association and a number of ecumenical services and ventures have been undertaken with much success. Participation in Northwest Association activities have high priority, and we recently hosted the Association in our Church for their meeting and dinners. We have participated and hosted World Day of Prayer, participated in Protestant Services at Little Company of Mary, conducted a Township survey of church affiliations in 1988, a project highlighted at the 1989 Indiana-Kentucky Conference. Some projects that have been undertaken have resulted in a much closer bonding between the membership. We have distributed newsletters quarterly. Many were delivered in person. In 1983, Prayer Partner and Prayer Chain programs were started by the Vesper Circle. This year we will make available our Pictorial Directory. Fellowship Hours and occasional carry-in dinners after worship are proving to be an asset to inter-personal and church relationships. Together we bailed water in the basement along with cleaning drainage tile during the April 13 and June 13, 1981 deluges.

During the one hundred years, the budget has grown from approximately \$365 in 1915 to the sum of \$45,811 in 1990. Our benevolences include O.C.W.M., One Great Hour of Sharing, N.I.C.D. (New Initiatives for Church Development), Cue, American Bible Society, Veterans of the Cross, Gideons, Christian Haven Homes, Crossroads, Retired Ministers fund, CROP, Emmaus Homes, Campus Crusade, Habitat for Humanity, and many other mission projects.

One member of the Church, Richard Selmer, was ordained in 1952, and is an Honorary Lifetime member of St. Luke. He is serving a U.C.C. Church in Michigan. We are pleased to have as well Rev. Garry Wickert who is ordained in the Lutheran Church, and Rev. Dean Wickert and Rev. Jarrell Hartle as licensed ministers. All have Honorary Lifetime Memberships here at St. Luke.

Music, through the years, has been rendered by a faithful group of organists and pianists who are listed in the Directory and this booklet. Junior and Senior Choirs, with a fluctuating membership, have always served along with the male quartets of many years ago, the soloists, the duos, the trios, and the cantatas as well as organ recitals, and a youth instrumental group. All of these people are recognized for their faithfulness in serving the Lord with their musical offerings.

We are grateful for the leadership of the Pastors who have served St. Luke through the years. They, too, are listed in the Directory and in this booklet. Each of them offered themselves to our growth and strength, to help us along the path of service to God and fellowman.

Missionfest and Reformationfest were very important to the early Church, and celebrated faithfully, as shown by the attendance and the offering on those days. Our Homecoming Sunday was evolved from Mission Festival participation. Anna Hankey would start preparing her baskets of garden flowers at 3 a.m. to bring in their pick-up truck for the Homecoming Service. The Easter season has been observed by special Lenten Services, from Ash Wednesday through Maundy Thursday Communion Service, of varied formats. At one time Good Friday was observed with German Communion Service. Recently Easter begins with a Sunrise Service conducted by Youth Fellowship, Easter Breakfast served by a church group, Sunday School Easter video, and Worship and Communion Service.

Mother's Day was observed with a Sunday School program honoring mothers with songs and recitations. We now tend to place more emphasis on the entire Christian Family on this day.

Christmas appears to have always been an important celebration in the Church. An early Kassenbuch (cash book) shows an expenditure for Christbaum (tree), candy and nuts for \$11.00 plus \$.25 freight on the tree in 1906. Decorations for Weihnachtsbaum (Christmas tree) cost \$.35 another time. The candle-lighted tree was watched over, ever so closely, by the custodian who sat in the front pew with a wet mop and a bucket of water. The annual Sunday School program was usually held on Christmas Eve, as a combined religious and secular celebration. Every little child had a "piece" to recite, songs to sing in all kinds of exercises. Little girls dreamed of the day they'd be picked to go to the Hardel home next door and dress in the filmy cheesecloth angel gown (yes, some had wings and the tinsel crowns). We would trudge back through the snow to the Church back door to present a pantomime and tableau which ended with the lighting of a flare, making our faces pale and ethereally angelic. There was some coughing with the sulphur fumes resulting from the flare. Finally Santa would enter (How many years did that Santa suit fit John Dolezal, Jr??) and present each child a box of hard candy, Chocolate drops and an orange or apple. Christmas Eves are remembered as

crisp, cold, bright moon-lighted nights, when after the program, groups would go caroling out into the town and country.

The Youth have participated in the life of the Church for many years. It appears that a kinder (youth) group loaned \$10 in 1913 for the Church bell fund. Several groups have been organized through the years: Evangelical Builders, Young Peoples League, Junior and Senior Youth Fellowships. Even though some of these groups were short lived, they have always been known to accomplish a great number of benevolent programs, providing monies and physical labors for special causes. One group presented new Christian and American Flags to the Church. The most recently organized groups, in 1980 under the leadership of Pastor Hunter, have participated in Bike-A-Thons for Cystic Fibrosis, Bowling for CROP, formed an instrumental group, have gone to the camp at Merom, and assisted in Church projects and worship services. In 1981, they hosted the Northwest Association Youth groups, very successfully under the leadership of Charles Paulsen and Alice Wickert. One of the youth, Dean Wickert, was elected as a delegate of the Indiana-Kentucky Conference to the General Synod meeting of the United Church of Christ for 1981 and 1983. Others have served as pages for the Conferences. They have held car washes, bake sales, recycling projects, and pancake breakfasts to help their finances.

St. Luke has provided a meeting place for the 4-H Club, Boy Scouts, and Cub Pack #40. They frequently recognize this through gifts and repainted the basement under the sanctuary, and built storage closets.

The earliest mention of Sontag Schule (Sunday School) in the records appears as a \$6.48 expenditure in 1904. Little is known of the early Sunday School. Most of us can remember Paul Hardel as Superintendent for many years, when all the classes met in the Sanctuary. In the winter the lucky class was the one who met on the west side, center, around the old base-burner stove. Memory verses were one of the most important methods of teaching in those days. Do you remember those little picture cards we received in Chrystel Kramer's class?

For many years, picnics were held at Chaplin's Park, at Dunn's Bridge. Long tables of food helped to fill many a tummy. Tickets were issued for the "big treats" of ice cream, pop, merry-go-round rides, etc. Remember that black fountain of sulphur water and the smell of it that permeated the Park, and the big old iron bridge that entreated you to cross and explore the "wilds" on the other side of the river? On occasion, we were able to observe baptisms in the river by other church groups.

Gradually Sunday School has become more sophisticated in its teaching and organizational methods. Our Sunday School is still independent, inasmuch as it handles its own expenses. They have purchased their own equipment, furniture for the classrooms furnished rugs for the basement classrooms as well as participating in the projects of the Church monetarily. They, too, are very concerned about the benevolent responsibilities, and have been active participants in such programs. The banners displayed in the sanctuary were made in the classes as a teaching method. One of them

was given recognition at the Conference in 1979. During the last couple of years, they have made it possible for a number of youth to attend camp by helping with the tuition.

During the last few years, they have repainted classrooms, had rugs steam cleaned, and have purchased a VCR and TV for teaching purposes. In 1988 and 1989 they won 1st prize in the religious category for a float in the Mint Festival parade. The Toddler room provides a nursery as well as a classroom for young adults with small babies. Classes presently available are Nursery, Primary, Junior, Junior High, Senior High, Young Adult, and Adult. The Cradle Roll age is recognized by the Tree of Life banner on which a rose is placed at the birth of a baby born into the St. Luke family-then removed on 4th birthday.

A list of known superintendents is listed elsewhere, and to these and all the unnamed teachers of the years, we extend our heartfelt appreciation and gratitude for all their sincere efforts. It is only through extended youth activity and adult interest that the Church can survive for another one hundred years.

Vacation Bible School has been held during the summer. There was an average of 70-99 per day including Staff, and 176 on a final night. Each pupil was charged \$1.00 to help cover expenses. The offerings are used for Christian Haven Homes in Wheatfield, Indiana, Habitat for Humanity, and Heifer Project.

Men's Brotherhood and Fellowship groups were organized about 1926 under the leadership of Rev. Buehler. Surviving Charter member of that group is Chrystel Kramer.

The Missionary Society was organized under the leadership of Rev. Schaible with 51 charter members. Survivors of this group are Esther Hardel (no longer a member) and Chrystel Kramer. Rev. Schaible had been a missionary to the Hottentot tribes in Africa, so their programs were oriented to mission work for the most part. This group was incorporated into the Women's Guild in 1954. The Guild is still a very active facet of St. Luke life. Their programs include discussions of contemporary concern, e.g. Drugs, Women in the Church, Cleaner Movies, Religions of the World, Church in Community, Bible Study, etc. Their projects have included sewing for the Red Cross, missions, Deaconess Hospital, Children's Homes, along with concerns for St. Luke Church. They have furnished the Memorial Hall Kitchen, closets in the Memorial Hall, bought tables and chairs, and participated in repair projects. Most recently through their help the sanctuary was repainted and carpeted, and pews were cushioned throughout. They collect stamps for Emmaus Homes, help with funeral dinners, bazaars and have been represented on committees of the Northwest Association women and program activities of ecumenical nature.

The Vesper Circle was organized on October 3, 1957, when a group of women found that they could not participate in the afternoon and decided to have evening meetings. Their programs include study sessions through Church Life Resources, programs of contemporary nature, sewing, collecting eye glasses and stamps for World Service. They too have made many contributions to the

Church; e.g. a jet pump in the original basement meeting room, they have repainted the Church office and provided new drapes. They are actively engaged in planning the 100th anniversary cookbook, have furnished carnations for Baptisms, plan the Advent Workshop, make up Health and School Kits for Church World Service, have sewn garments for Project Mercy, and have provided Large Print hymnals for Little Company of Mary. Among their benevolences, we find Habitat for Humanity, blankets for Church World Service, and Bibles for Russia. Busy work includes bazaars, funeral dinners, special events, Ladies Salad Supper, and the annual Christmas Vesper-Guild meeting.

From this group, we find evolving in 1974, the interdenominational Community Missions sewing group, whose purpose is to sew and prepare garments, Quilts, Bibs, lap robes, and other articles for mission purposes both local and conference wide.

The Church Library located in the lower hall of the Memorial Hall is available to any who will use it. There are books from the Study Groups, resource books, booklets and pamphlets on many subjects. Members are urged to make use of this literature and reference material. The history of St. Luke can be found in old German record books, 90th and 95th anniversary booklets, a brochure distributed during the survey, our Pictorial Directory, and 100th anniversary booklet. Scrapbooks provide the history through news articles and pictures. These can be found on the Memento Showcase in the Memorial Hall.

Together, we have survived problems, such as flooded basement, lightning strikes, leaky roofs, a furnace failure during sub-zero weather, and snowbound Christmas holidays. We are grateful for willingness of laity to serve on committees, boards, choir, act as readers, ushers, greeters, Fellowship coordinators and so many more service opportunities. We are truly richly blessed.

We are a people of a diverse heritage, many traditions and denominations, and will continue to grow as such. We are the Evangelical Christians of German heritage who settled in the Midwest, stressing our oneness in God over human differences. We are the Reformed Christians from Germany, deeply involved in the settling of Pennsylvania and Ohio and committed to a deep-rooted sense of the historic church and theology.

We are the people of the eastern mountains who simply called themselves Christian recognizing the artificiality of denominational labels. We are the Congregationalists of the 17th Century England, the left wing radicals of the Pilgrims of the Mayflower and Plymouth colonies. We are proud to note that the forefathers of St. Luke Church are also the forefathers of many of our present day families in the Church -- a solid heritage, indeed.

On this, our one hundredth anniversary, we are grateful for this heritage, and express our gratitude for the many faithful who have worshipped within these walls, and have worked diligently to keep the congregation fulfilled. Without their efforts, and there were many times of stress and distress, we would not realize this occasion.

For the future, we express our prayers that we can continue to recognize the admonition "Go, therefore into all the world and preach the Gospel."

May God go with us in this place as we give God the Glory.

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Originally there were no records of historical nature about our Church in either of the Archives at Eden or Lancaster. Since our 90th year that history was sent to both the Archives, Starke County Museum, and the San Pierre Library. A copy of this document will also be provided to them.

Even though there is more to be researched or translated in the vague records that are available, this, our 100th anniversary record will be placed in the cornerstone to be opened on September 15, 1991.

Edna Vanecek  
*Historian*

## "Remember When" or "Did You Know"

### JANUARY 1991

Once again for our 100th Anniversary, we will have a "Remember When", but even in the last 10 years we should add "Did You Know" as many of our new and younger members may be interested.

Did you know there has been a name and descendants connected with this church for generations. We have a member whose grandfather or great grandfather owned a leather shop here in San Pierre in what used to be the "Falvey House". They made boots, belts and other leather articles. The name of Alberding has been associated with this community and our church for a long time. Submitted by: Estella (Alberding) Tetzloff

### FEBRUARY 1991

Do you remember it has been 36 years since we bought the parsonage. The Warranty Deed was entered for the record, Feb. 5, 1955 and conveyed to Fritz Kulske, Alvy Eckert, and William Frey - Trustees of St. Luke Evangelical Church of San Pierre, Ind. and to their successors as trustees. First being associated with St. John's United Church of Christ near Medaryville and later moving to San Pierre to become members of this church. Now four and five generations later, descendants of the Eckert family along with the Timms and Schultz families still serve the church and community. In the 1900's, these families were known for their large equipment and dredging ability. Among the descendants we have to think of Hewetts, Ed Schultz and his family, Hoehns, Jacksons, Freys, Stalbaums and Zimmermans.

Note the church window, many of us came into this world with the help of Dr. Solt. We read from the Kankakee Valley Review, Thurs. April 3, 1913, Wheatfield Edition: "Dr. Solt received injuries, which will lay him up for some time, last Thursday, caused by a runaway horse, which dragged the doctor for some distance, injuring his leg, and his is under the care of Dr. Fyfe."

1926-Did you know that the very first women's organization was started in 1926 with Rev. Buehler as pastor, as at that time we shared pastors with St. John, Blue Sea. There were thirteen women in the group known as the Ladies Aid. After this group disbanded, they voted on placing thirteen lights in the arch in front of the church and as a member passed away, a light would be turned out. The only surviving member today is Chrystal Kramer.

1927-Society was organized in November 1927. Rev. Schaible asked the ladies to meet at the church on Nov. 23, 1927 at 2 P.M. for the purpose of organizing a Missionary Society. Since Rev. & Mrs. Schiabile were Missionaries for several years, they were mission minded. The ladies all voted in favor of organizing. It was decided to have the meetings on the first Thursday of every month which has been the date ever since. First officers were: Mrs. Schiabile- President; Francis Hardel - Vice President; Sophia Kramer (Chrystal's mother) - Secretary; Julia Weinkauff - Treasurer. They had a penny drill, which the money would be used to buy flowers for the sick. Fruit was purchased for Mrs. John Batzka and Grandma Alberding who was sick - total cost of 58 cents.

1928-The Missionary Society sent 29 baby nighties and jelly to the Deaconess Hospital in Michigan.

May 2, 1929 - There was no meeting due to a heavy snow storm.

In the early minutes, it appears the Society paid for the ice cream for the church socials that were hold on the lawn under the big oak trees where the Memorial Hall is now.

In 1941 - The name was changed to the Woman's Guild.

June 3, 1965-The ladies of the Guild transferred dishes and cooking utensils

from the old church basement to the new kitchen in the Memorial Hall.

As an update for the last ten years - The woman's group has held rummage sales, bake sales, fall bazaars, served at auctions and sold different products. They have bought new carpeting for the sanctuary, new blinds and curtains for the Memorial Hall, bench cushions for the sanctuary pews, and kitchen needs along with many other things.

The Vesper Circle was organized in 1957 - now being 34 years old. They also added to the enrichment of the church by serving for missions - programs and financial assistance for special projects, such as the chair lift.

I've been asked to review for the newer members and young people some of the articles we had in 1981 - so let us remember what their early transportation was to get to confirmation classes, church and other functions. It was by walking, some several miles one way, "Riding a horse and buggy" until the "Horseless Carriage" and those dreadful speedsters came along at 30 miles an hour and ruined the nice solid dirt roads by making ruts and scaring the horse causing many runaways and over-turned buggy and undo injury and death, according to an early 1900 newspaper. Remember when there were sheds beside the church to the north and west to house the minister's horse and buggy - along with a wood and coal shed and of course the everpresent and necessary "outside facility." These were built in 1906. I'm sure several of us remember these buildings being there until our Memorial Hall was built in 1964 and we had "inside plumbing". In the late 1800's and early 1900's, San Pierre was a very swinging place - Believe it or Not!!!

I've not been able to find any newspaper articles about these things in the very early papers until around 1900.

March 12, 1892 - Premises was released to John Kaupke, Herman Lukens, Chas. Krueger and John Will - trustees of the German Evangelische St. Lukas Gemeinde for \$15.00.

April 10, 1892 - Confirmation of nine young folks.

May 22, 1892 - Cornerstone laid.

October 2, 1892 - Building dedicated.

October 21, 1892 - Receipt from John Will for \$700. for the building.

October 23, 1892 - Organ purchased for \$33.07.

### MARCH 1991

The front of the church was extended 10 feet in 1906. It was decided to have an arch instead of a square opening. There were two small closed rooms on each side. One is still enclosed and in 1941 the other small room was opened up and made into a choir loft. The stained glass windows were bought in November 1919 and installed. There were nine windows bought at \$25.00 a piece plus one window at \$15.00 that is located above the doors, plus the name plates for a total cost of \$253.50 - that total cost now would not be one-fourth of the cost of one window. The one window that was in the front of the church was removed in 1941 when the church was remodeled. A red velvet hanging hung in it's place for many years. The Dust family name occupies several of these windows - all having families that at one time were members of this church. Julius Dust inscribed on one of these windows is the grandfather of our Wanita (Dust) Woosley. The Dust family were farmers, carpenters, school bus drivers and trustees in the community and also were faithful members of the church through the years, doing janitorial work for \$10 a year, serving on the church board and served as teachers. In a 1915 Starke County Republican issue: Miss Clara Breitenfelt and Fred Dust will be married at the Luthern Church at San Pierre, Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock. Both are popular young people and have the very best wishes from a host of friends. They will reside in the Falvey place

north of town. Also from the same newspaper - August Dust of this place (San Pierre) and Miss Clara Nutzman of LaPorte were united in marriage at the home of the bride in LaPorte - Wednesday. They will make their home on the O'Brian farm which August has rented. In a 1906 Kankakee Valley Review - under the County Line column: A William Nutzman was the auctioneer at a sale, located 2 miles east of Dunnville and 2 miles west of San Pierre. (Dunnville now being Tefft). On Jan. 1, 1904, in the records of our church, teacher Nutzman made motion that anyone working on the church, do it for nothing.

The ladies of the Evangelical Church of San Pierre will give an ice cream social in the public grove on Thursday evening - June 24th - everyone is cordially invited. In a 1891 North Judson News - Aug. 15th issue, exactly 100 years ago, we read: "The people are enclosing our public park this week with a substantial fence, every available space will be reset with trees and everything done to protect that which has so long been neglected." It may have been what is now once again a park and where the High School once stood.

San Pierre in the late 1800's and early 1900's had no less than four organizations, namely - Knight's Templar, Modern Woodmen, G.A.R. Post (Grand Army of the Republic) and a men's basketball team. In years to come there would be the Royal Neighbor's, Grange, and young people's organizations. The business' of that time were a tin, smithy, leather, military and butcher shops. A town marshal, a squire, ice cream parlor, picklefactory, hotel with a good restaurant and livery stable run by Mr. Daley, an elevator in 1901 built by Churchill-White Co. When the grand opening was held it took up a column in the paper and was hailed one of the biggest events in southwestern Starke County with many prizes and events. It was managed by M.D. Falvey - later among the early stockholders were Weinkaufs, Ralph Kingman and John Batzka.

We had two railroads - the 3I which later became the New York Central and ran from Kankakee, Illinois to South Bend, Indiana and the Monon R.R. that ran from Michigan City to points in southern Indiana. Many traveled these lines to attend functions here at San Pierre for holidays and church - San Pierre being the stop over point and transfer to Tefft, Wheatfield to the west and Medaryville and LaCrosse.

We also read in the North Judson News-1901-June issue under the San Pierre column - a telephone company has been organized in our town and will be completed and in operation in about two weeks. A fifty drop switchboard will be ordered and have fourteen phones subscribed in town already. In a later issue of August 15, 1901 - it says the Rochester long distance telephone lines make it's connection with San Pierre Tuesday. I remember the office as being in a back room of a building which was located where the drive-thru for the bank is today. Mrs. Mathews was the telephone operator.

The first mail rural route was with a horse and buggy run by Fred Schmidt and he was contemplating buying a car. In June 1915, Herman Kruger ran the route while he was on vacation.

There were general stores owned by Weinkaufs, Falveys, Zabels, and Lukens. In the 1890's and 1900's, there was a drug store owned by Mr. Greene located 1 door south of Zabel's. The Zabel name is also mentioned in our early church history. There were box socials, quilting bees, oratorical debates, spelling bees, sleigh rides and skating parties. Most every holiday the church choirs sang at functions in and outside of the church at which time there were three churches - the Catholic, Methodist (which later became the Zion Evangelical United Brethern) and our church which is listed in the newspapers several different ways - German Evangelical, German Luthern, Evangelical & Reformed and St. Lukes.

## APRIL 1991

During the Easter season, our thoughts are of communion. Remember when the whole congregation knelt at one time between the pews where they sat for the professional prayer and when we had one communion cup which is now in our showcase. Remember when in 1957 individual cups were used, when we broke a piece of a loaf of bread and at other times we had wafers or home-baked unleavened bread. I've tried writing to several people to see about any names who made the bread in the early years. In the future will they remember when in 1991 on Sunday Thursday, for our 100th anniversary, we had an old-fashioned communion service using the loaf of bread baked by Beverly Jones and the blessing of the communion wine in the original communion cup and the original crucifix was used?

Remember what confirmation was like? We had to memorize and on examination day we were asked questions from the catechism book in front of the attending congregation, not knowing which questions we would be asked. The first classes were held in the old Alberding homestead on the Starke and Pulaski Co. line south of San Pierre. Sometimes it had to be walked, or again the horse and buggy came into use. In later years, the 1930's, I remember peddling the cycle on the sandy roads for two and one-half miles and there was no excuse. Sometimes you stayed overnight on Friday from school with a friend to attend confirmation for four hours every Saturday for the most of eight or nine months.

In 1901, John Dolezal and Co. has purchased from Fred Zabel the property adjoining Greene's Drug Store. He will move the old building back and build a new 30 x 70 two story building. The stock will consist of harnesses, groceries, stoves, boots and shoes and so forth. Meat was available at a later date. The second floor will have ready-made clothing, tailoring, and dry goods according to a 1901 newsclipping. In an 1902 issue we read: "For fine growing leather - Go to Dolezal & Co. for your straw hats and fine clothing." Later there was a mortician, lumber yard and hardware supplies located here.

A new barber shop in town! Can't miss the place! It's located on Broadway second door down from Dolezal & Company.

In a March 4, 1915 issue, we learn John Eckert and wife have a new baby boy born last week.

In the same year John Dolezal and Co. have started their cement block factory.

Dolezal Hall is being remodeled and will be fixed up for a residence for Johnny - and in May of the same year in the Starke County Republican we read: Yesterday (Wed.) Johnny Dolezal, son of John Dolezal, Sr. of this place, and Miss Ella Menge, daughter of Mrs. Kate Menge of near San Pierre, were united in marriage by Rev. Brenion, of the Luthern Church. The groom is one of San Pierre's most popular boys. The bride is a charming young lady. Their many friends extend their sincere and best wishes for their future journey through life.

In the June 1915 issue of the Starke County Republican, the 12th annual commencement of Starke County Common Schools was held at the Fairy Theater in Fox, Saturday afternoon - June 5th. Among the Railroad Township graduates from our church were Chrystal Kramer and Esther Menge. Also that same year, Gust Eckert of the near Blue Sea is moving to town into the Otto Eckert property recently vacated by Grant Kilgore.

Hardel Bros. were putting up ice this week. A bunch of young folks went to Crosse Saturday night in a bobsled.

A bank is secured for San Pierre. A lot is bought and they will start to build this week.

## MAY 1991

In 1907, \$35 dollars had to be spent to repair the pump organ. Some of the

early organists were Emil Selmer (Ruth's father) and Lena Kulske. In 1922 a Special Pledge was taken to buy a piano at a cost of \$160. plus \$1.00 for hauling and also a new bible - the balance was put in the bank. \$250. was collected. Other expenses for that year was oil & soap - .25¢; matches - .22¢. Do you remember when our church had one of the best quartets in this part of the country consisting of Herman Kruger, John Dolezal, Paul Hardel and Emil Selmer? Fred and Emil Weinkauff, Edward Kalinke, Leonard and Robert Rennewanz were among the more known names in this community that belonged to the San Pierre German Band. The picture of this group will be on display at a later date. From a June 5th, 1902 issue of the Starke County Republican we read: "The Decoration Day exercises here was a grand success and largely attended. By eight o'clock, a large crowd had gathered at the Post Office and at nine o'clock, the Grand Army of the Republic Post of San Pierre and many others formed in lines to march to the cemetery to decorate the graves of the heroes who have answered their last roll call. Several short talks were given by the different members of the post after which songs were sung by the Evangelical Sunday School, the German Lutheran Church of San Pierre and the Dunnville (Tefft) choirs. I might mention that Dorothy Hewett's grandfather, Michael Timm, was a charter member of that GAR Post.

Do you suppose in the future, someone will remember that Ella Dolezal was our organist and pianist for 50 years among several others.

Remember when the back choir pew consisted of all male voices and Rev. Luedtke conducted an Easter and Christmas concert? Or that in 1967, there were 22 in the Junior Choir and during a concert given for the purchase of choir robes, Rev. Hendrix gave a variation of Pop Goes the Weasel and they wore robes and capes.

In 1932, a new arm chair was purchased and on Olsen Rug for \$48.79, and the baptismal was given to the Tefft Methodist Church.

Remember when we had special Mother's Day and Children's Day programs and what pieces were said.

#### JUNE 1991

In 1896, there were 24 families, only men were considered members and it was \$6.00 per year in "A Lump Sum" for membership. The ministers salary varied from \$28. per quarter to more, depending on German services and confirmations. In 1895, there was a 3¢ balance in the treasury at the end of the year. There were many penny collections and dues in the later years.

From the church records of 1907: Baptisms were \$5.00; Infant burials were \$5.00; Marriages were \$10.00; Adult burials were \$15.00; Confirmations were \$10.00; and if you lived over an eight mile radius, it was a dollar extra.

In 1910, a committee was formed to check a delinquent funeral bill.

In the June 1915 issue of the North Judson News we read that the Lutheran Church will soon undergo some improvements in the line of new windows and painted walls and a new fence.

Forty years ago in 1951, we considered and broke our pastoral ties with Wanatah. Rev. Starke was our first resident pastor, and was renting a house. Remember when we went out and cleaned the farmhouse and tried our hand at wall-papering?

Remember when the Blue Spruce tree was planted in front? It was in 1945. And in 1955, we put up the outdoor bulletin board.

From the June 24, 1915 North Judson News we read: "Rooms IV, V, VI spent a portion of the last day of school in Lawson Grove west of town and had a good time. Rooms I, II, and III comprising the smaller children, remained in our home park near the schoolhouse. The weather cleared up and all, both great and

small enjoyed it outdoors. Refreshments were served all around. Trustee Dr. Solt was in attendance with his big machine and gave the many little tads their first spin in an auto."

"John Will left for Minnesota a few days ago where he was united in marriage to Tillie Kruger, at the home of her parents, in the above state. As there are "steen John Will's in this neck of the woods, it is well to state that the groom in this case is the son and only child of Fred Will and his wife of Railroad township. The newlyweds will make their home on their farm southwest of town." (Mrs. Tillie (Kruger) Will was a member of this church and mother of Edna (Will) Vanacek, Germaine (Will) Jones, Mildred (Will) Peppin-Graffea, and Edward Will.

#### JULY 1991

While visiting Chrystal Kramer several times, she was still trying to remember Rev. Brenion's horse's name.

When she was told that the youth group had a taffy pull in March 1991, she said if she could have been there with them, she would have loved it as she remembers making the candy and taffy for the Christmas Church programs for a couple of years. She always wondered who figured out it took one-half to three-fourths pound of candy to fill those boxes.

She remembers when there were benches in the little offsets in the back of the church. They had no backs so you leaned against the wall and chairs were set up in the center. The southwest side was made into a staircase to go down to the basement and later on it became the hall leading into the Memorial Hall. Attendance cards were given every quarter and they had a lesson on "Temperance". The first Sunday School mentioned was in 1904 in the records. During these years and later, everything was in German. It was during those years before English, that Chrystal remembers watching her favorite kerosene lamp in the northeast corner cast it's shadows on the wall and reflection from the round mirrors behind it and listen to the big round and chrome pot-bellied stove crackle. Lucky was the person that got to sit near it in the wintertime. The oil chandelier lamps hung above close to where the organ is now. The bracket-type kerosene lamps hung on the side walls. The records show that in 1906, a chandelier and three oil lamps were bought from Montgomery Ward.

Chrystal remembers the alter and the arch of flowers that the confirmands marched under for her confirmation. Mrs. Christ Hankey brought the flowers and the mothers arranged them to make an alter arch to stand by for the service. She has a picture of it someplace.

Although our past heritage has a German beginning, our present church in the words of Jesus, "To go and preach the gospel to all the people.", has opened the congregation to all people of different backgrounds. Finally in 1915 English was introduced, it was great!!!

I'm sure many of us remember when in the late 1920's, Sunday School was held here in the church before we had the basement. There were three and four classes all going at the same time. Chrystal remembers as many as 100 were enrolled in the Sunday School and many times close to that were in attendance, her mother teaching next to the pot-bellied stove on the west side and there was a Junior class, an intermediate class, adult class and later a young peoples class. Remember, all lessons were going on at the same time. However your attention was strictly on your own teacher and we did learn to listen and respect our own little space. What a thrill it was on Promotion Sunday to be able to move up to the next class. Remember the Sunday School picnics held at Burrow's Camp? Each one was given so many tickets for free

pop, ice cream and the great Merry-Go-Round. The smelly sulphur water and sack lunches. Later some were held at the Jasper-Pulaski Game Preserve and it was great to be able to get to the top of the fire tower, when we were allowed. Remember the sack races, baseball games and roasting hot dogs and marshmallows. Later picnics were held at the school grounds.

From a July 19, 1928 North Judson News issue we read: "The Sunday School of the St. Luke's Evangelical church will hold their annual picnic at Chapline's Park, Dunn's Bridge, Sunday afternoon. Members of the Sunday School and of the congregation are to attend. Your friends are also invited."

In another article reads: Libby McNeill and Libby Pickle and Salting Factory has been given a coat of paint which improves that corner of town to a great extent.

## AUGUST 1991

Remember when in 1956, we dedicated our new organ and had the note burning for the parsonage, and in 1953, we had our first candlelight Christmas Eve service.

In 1942, we sold the last of the coal and wood for \$3.00. We had the new oil furnace in our new basement. In 1941, we got our blackboards from the Lomax School and had frames put around them. We held church in the school building during remodeling.

The following are excerpts from various North Judson newspapers: Dec. 18, 1919 - "On account of the newly varnished benches being still unready for use, Mission Feast was postponed until next Sunday, at the Lutheran church." May 6, 1920 - "The services at the Lutheran church last Sunday turned out to be a great success. A pleasant day brought out crowds that filled the house to its full capacity at each service. A minister from LaFayette and the minister of Beaver Township assisted at these services by delivering excellent sermons both in English and in German. Rev. Weiss, handicapped with a bad cold, delivered an excellent sermon in the evening, substituting for a South Bend minister who was unable to get here. The people showed their appreciation of these services by responding generously at the collections taken up for the missions." March 19, 1932 - "There will be Easter Sunday Services at the St. Luke's Evangelical church on Sunday afternoon at 2:30, following Sunday school services at 1:30. Services will be held in the English language with communion also in the English language. The St. Luke's church and Sunday school invite everyone to attend these services." Jan. 5, 1928 - "Services at the St. Luke's Evangelical church are postponed indefinitely pending the outcome of a case of small pox in Rev. John Schiabile family at Wanatah, who serves this congregation." Another article from the same paper - "The Ladies Mission Society of the St. Luke's Evangelical church announces the postponement of their first meeting scheduled for this Thursday, until further notice. Sickness and quarantine in the home of their president Mrs. J. Schiabile of Wanatah is given as the cause." Nov. 8, 1928 - "Sunday will be the day of the Annual Mission Festival of the St. Luke's church of San Pierre. The services for this occasion will be divided into a German service in the morning, following the Sunday school session. Rev. Bizer of Watervliet, Mich. a former pastor of this church, will have charge of this service and will conduct it in the German language. The choir of the church will add some numbers to this service in the English language. In the evening beginning at 7 o'clock there will be an English service in charge of Rev. Irion of Michigan City who comes well recommended for his ability as an interesting talker. There will

be several special vocal and musical numbers by members of the Sunday school. Everybody should consider themselves cordially invited to attend these services." And from another issue, on the lighter side: "Bedlam and excitement broke loose in San Pierre last Sunday morning when an aeroplane swooped down from the skies and settled on a field near town. Every man, woman and child of San Pierre was given the treat of his life in getting a free, long, close up view of a real plane. Four of the onlookers availed themselves of the opportunity of a flight in the clouds and all vow that the flight is well worth its price if not indulged in too frequently."

#### SEPTEMBER 1991

In the Sept. 1, 1941 issue of the Messenger we read the article about our "Dedication at San Pierre": "On Sunday, Aug. 17, St. Luke's Church, San Pierre, Ind., held impressive dedication services for the new Church basement and the rebuilt sanctuary. Over 20 years ago, under the leadership of Pastor C.E. Weiss, some of the people of this small parish began to hope and dream of a new basement under their Church. But this hope was crushed and this dream was shattered when too many people of this small-fellowship thought the task was far beyond their ability. From time to time new hopes arose and last year plans were made in earnest to take the big step for this small group. As the plans began to develop and take shape, enthusiasm increased. Now some of the people dreamed not only of a new basement, but also of a sanctuary thoroughly remodeled. More and more members were beginning to say, 'We might as well do it right as long as we are at it.' The congregation decided to go ahead with the full program. The new basement was put in and much volunteer labor reduced the cost. The exterior was improved by putting on new composition siding, new roof and a cross on the Church steeple. The inside was improved by replastering the whole interior, a new floor for the entire length of the Church, installation of fluorescent cathedral lights, and new gothic pews. A new automatic oil furnace with fan controls was also installed. Some of the members donated a pulpit Bible, altar cloths, aisle rug and piano. The total cost of the remodeling program was \$4,700, which does not include the labor the members donated."

From another newspaper column we read: "An estimated crowd of 350 overflowed the church, church basement and the grounds long before the service started."

Remembering this and how proud we were with the basement, serving those 300 people, we had electricity by no running water, so all dishes etc. were washed in just a 1 drain sink with water pumped by hand and water heated on two 2-burner stoves. Remember the bottle gas stove? It was green enameled with a high side oven and 4 small burners. Remember using Mrs. Herman Kruger's refrigerator to keep things cool.

I remember how wonderful it was to have Sunday School classes in the basement, except for the adult classes. The classes were separated by curtains and now once again in 1991 it is being used for a Sunday School class. Remember how great it was to have a place for our young people's meetings and others, to have a place to change into the Christmas costumes and robes, for combing our hair, an oil furnace, and a place to keep the dishes in the gray cupboard, that people donated and were happy to get?

Remember the buckets and buckets of flowers that always decorated the tables and sanctuary from Mrs. Christ Hankey's garden? Let us remember her today - I understand she can neither hear or see anymore. Anna, our love to you on this 100th anniversary, our oldest living member.

I know from time to time, some recollections are repeated and repeated,

however it is a way of preserving our heritage. If we do not relate the struggles of the past, of the horse and buggy, kerosene lamps, the outside sheds, the church programs and document them, the respect and progress since that time will have meant nothing. Future generations will know it has not always been high tech. So let's preserve and keep our place of worship sacred past, present and future, for the glory of God and the progress of our church. Let us all lend a thankful prayer for it is a place of worship in our free land. Will the next generations of our church remember our 100th anniversary year and reflect back on it's meaning?

#### OCTOBER 1991

Do you suppose someday, someone will figure out how many cookies were made for the Vacation Bible School, or how many pounds of noodles were made for the bazaars through the years? Will they remember when for the first time in many years, chairs had to be set up in the aisle of the church sanctuary for the Northwest Association Meeting held here in 1991, with the men sitting on the west side and women on the east side, using the old alter cloths and crucifix, and singing the hymns "Little Brown Church In The Vale" and "Amazing Grace", the women dressing in the style of the early years? Will they remember that we used kerosene lamps, checked table cloths, cloth napkins, served family style and had home-made bread and jelly spreads?

From an 1899 issue of the North Judson News we read: "Children's Day at the little German church next Sunday. Everybody invited to attend."

From the May 19, 1932 issue of the North Judson News we read from an article titled "Twp. Church School Conventions Largely Attended": "Having contracted an epidemic of enthusiasm from the County Convention of Religious Education at Hamlet on April 5, the Township Church School Conventions finished the annual spring season May 8, with an unprecedented record of attendance and interest." St. Luke's Evangelical of San Pierre sent 58 representatives which was the largest delegation in attendance.

From the April 28, 1932 issue of the North Judson News we read: "A convention of the Sunday schools of Railroad and Wayne Townships will be held at the St. Luke's church Sunday night at 7:30. Everyone is invited to attend this convention and to take an active part."

The early Easter morning services held at the old school grounds and later at the church and Easter breakfasts are given by the youth groups. We have a Community Concerns program which helps the people of our community depending on the need.

#### NOVEMBER 1991

In 1897, a youth group advanced the church money for the "Glocken Project"-according to a church record written in German. The Glocken (bell) was dedicated Sept. 5, 1897. It was used more to call the congregation together, but it also conveyed the message of death of a church member by tolling the age of the person. As Edna Vanacek remembers, "Even though we lived 2½ miles in the country, we could hear the bell tolling and frequently could surmise who the deceased member was. Different churches had different sounds. There were no radios or televisions to communicate these messages (and few phones.). This same bell is still in use today."

There is not much data recorded until in the 1930's. As Sue Thomas recorded for our 1981 Remember When, "Some of our youth went in with other churches in the community to form an Evangelical Group. During these meetings some of the activities they were involved in were social meetings, Bible studies, and at a later date we had get-together's with the Wanatah group. They went to

visit a synagogue in Michigan City and held chili suppers to give donations to the orphanage in Ft. Wayne."

In the early 1950's, Rev. Starke was the first to suggest that our youth put together a young people's organization. Through the years our youth have helped with money-making projects, recreation programs, church services, Early Easter morning services and breakfasts. A great deal of credit for a successful youth group should go to the sponsors. Do you remember when Dorothy and Joe Hewett or Bill and Caroline Frey were sponsors? During some of these functions they had quiz contests, hay rides, Jolly is Miller dances, and went caroling at Christmas time.

"Youth officers helped a great deal. Remember when Dean Wickert went as a delegate to the Indiana-Kentucky Conference or when Beverly and Louis Jones and Chuck and Alice Paulsen were sponsors? They had Bike-A-Thons, car washes, youth rallies and sent young people to Merom Camp." By Sue Thomas in 1981.

What about Sue Thomas and her help? In 1975, we had the dedication of a new American Flag and Church Flag given by the youth group. How many of us remember going to church camp at Lake Wawasee in the 1930's. I do!!

Remember the Sunday School and Youth Group Halloween parties when you went bobbing for apples and drank hot chocolate? Don't forget the floats that were put together for the North Judson Mint Festival Parade!!

From a November 13, 1919 North Judson News we read: "The young people of the Lutheran church congregation met last Sunday for the purpose of organizing a young peoples league. Thirty names were enrolled and officers were elected. This league is open to all who care to join. If you feel that you would like to get in with the rest of us, leave your name with Paul Hardel."

#### DECEMBER 1991

Does anyone remember a part of church that has not been called off or postponed due to snow, cold, measles, or chicken pox? The annual Christmas Sunday School program in the early years was held on Christmas Eve and in the later years, it was changed to the Sunday before Christmas. If a child could not be here, there was always another angel, Mary or shepard to fill in, even at the last minute. Mary Agnes Eckert and Chrystal Kramer remember watching Charlie Alberding bring in the tree that he had cut, into town on a wagon or sled. Chrystal always hoped school would be out in time to see this and wondered how he got it through the doors as sometimes it went from the floor to almost the ceiling. Chrystal asks: "Does anyone know how many tallow candles were put on those trees?" The bucket of water and wet mop were underneath in case of fire on the tree. Now when we think of these things, the good Lord surely did watch over us in these last 100 years.

Every little girl dreamed of wearing the filmy gown and crown trimmed with tinsel and stand in a tableau lighted by a flare or fuse with all the lights out...or to be the Mother Mary. Remember when we hunted and hunted to find the right robe for the shepards and a crooked stick for the staff. The programs were lengthy and everybody had a song, a piece to recite, or were in skits or plays or pantomimes. Some of those pieces were six and seven stanzas long and everything was recited by memory.

Remember when "The Christmas Dinner" as recited by Vlasta Zacek, Stella Alberding, Luella Kracht, Clara Eckert, Edna Will and Evelyn Dust; Owen Eckert gave a "Christmas Secret" and when Don (better known as Corky) Smolek was in the primary class recited "Birthday's"? How grateful we were for the basement when they didn't have to squeeze into the little side rooms or run through the cold and snow from either Mrs. Paul Hardel's house or Mrs. Herman Kruger's house next door to change into the costumes. They were kind enough

even to let future brides use their homes before a wedding.

After the last song and prayer, the gifts were passed out that were piled high under the tree. Boxes of homemade candy were passed out, usually the first thing we looked for was the homemade candy made by Mrs. Christ Hankey. I remember we couldn't hardly wait to get outside to open our boxes to see if we got one or two pieces of that delicious homemade candy. Sometimes we even got a piece of peanut butter fudge. Let's remember this was all made on a wood burning stove and no electricity. Adlaide told me the recipe once and told me that pans were all over the house waiting to cool and be cut. Yes, Santa even came after all services were finished and passed out apples or oranges. Sometimes there was caroling after the service to the shut in's. In later years some went out to Little Company of Mary. Remember when after the prayer, many times you could hear a Model "T" or old Pontiac start up and leave? It wasn't until later you realized that our parents had hustled home and set up our family Christmas surprises (many times it was hand-me-downs).

I hope this 1991 "Remember When" & "Did You Know" will bring back a few memories. It would almost be impossible to put down all the little memories and happenings here that mean so much to all of us. I've learned a lot more about our church and it's beginning and would like to close with one of my recitations, date unknown,

"My Mother said I'm not too small  
To come up here and say,  
Let us worship a baby born a long time ago,  
In a land far away."

In a prayer, I'd like to leave you with this thought:

"May the inner strength of this church, and it's quiet beauty, instill in us God's way of entering our own inner soul. For his sake, Amen and Merry Christmas!!"

Germaine (Will) Jones 1991

Special thanks to the North Judson-Wayne Township Library in North Judson, IN and the Starke County Newspaper Office in Knox, IN for access to their research materials and use of their equipment.

## Chronological History 1891-1991

- 1891 Quit claim deed recorded October 16, 1891 from Addison Daggy for Lot 52, only to find out that the lot had been sold for taxes in 1889 to Joseph Byers. The German Evangelical Lutheran group met in the English Methodist Church in the interim.
- 1892 Property finally released from the Byers to the trustees of the church, and building built by John F. Will, dedicated on October 2.
- 1895 Preachers salary \$125 per year. Balance in treasury December 31 was 3¢.
- 1897 Church bell (glochen) still in the bell tower dedicated September 5.
- 1902 German school started.
- 1903 Yoked with St. John church Medaryville with Rev. Bizer as preacher.
- 1906 Vote to have front end of church extended 10 feet with a round ceiling rather than a square ceiling, new pulpit and altar, total cost of \$499.25. Buggy shed was built.
- 1913 Dues raised to \$8.00 per year. "Sontag Kollektions" were in pennies.
- 1914 First English Confirmation class, German service in A.M., English in P.M.
- 1918 Now known as the St. Lukas Gemeinde of Deutsche Evangelische Synode Von Nord Amerika.
- 1919 Nine stained glass windows and one over door were installed cost \$25 each.
- 1921 Now became known as St. Luke Evangelical church of Evangelical Synod of North America.
- 1923 New fence and stove purchased. Church housed three grades of San Pierre School after it burned on January 23. Electric lights installed later at cost of \$85.
- 1926 Ladies Aid started by Rev. Buehler. Crucifix purchased for \$18. (in display cabinet)
- 1927 First church picnic at Chaplin's Park. Mission Festivals started.
- 1928 Mission Society started with 51 members by Rev. Schaible.
- 1930 New members accepted by letter of transfer if baptized, confirmed or communicant.
- 1934 Confirmands under 18 years may vote if they are "paying" members.
- 1936 Now known as St. Luke Evangelical and Reformed church after merger.
- 1937 Addition to wood shed approved.
- 1941 Complete renovation of church accomplished: basement, cross on steeple, redecorated sanctuary. 50th anniversary homecoming and dedication service with 350 attending.
- 1945 Two blue spruce trees planted. One still on East side.
- 1948 New pulpit, altar and lectern dedicated. Pews had been installed in 1941.
- 1951 St. Luke votes for independence from Wanatah yoke, Rev. Leonard Stark called.
- 1953 Krueger lot purchased with intention to build a parsonage on it, needed \$10,000 to start.
- 1954 Otto Dolezal house offered and purchased. (present parsonage)
- 1956 New organ purchased.
- 1962 United Church of Christ constitution adopted, becoming St. Luke United Church of Christ.
- 1964 Memorial Hall groundbreaking on June 28, Cornerstone October 28, dedicated June 13, 1965.
- 1972 Air conditioning in sanctuary, services at Little Company of Mary.
- 1975 Flags dedicated, a gift of Youth Fellowship.
- 1976 Sunday School carpeted the basement classrooms.
- 1977 Acolyte Ministry established, with electric candelabra converted to candles.
- 1978 December annual meetings started.
- 1980 Family of God hymnals, Sunday School buzzers installed, Community Concerns fund established.
- 1981 90th anniversary celebrated, with first history book available, new furnaces installed.
- 1982 Memorial Hall windows replaced.
- 1983 Sanctuary repainted and recarpeted, storm windows placed over sanctuary windows, new roof on parsonage, children's choir started. West side trees and windows are struck by lightning, and toclimax the eventful year the whole county is struck by a snow storm and below zero weather. All Christmas activities are cancelled.
- 1984 20th anniversary of Memorial Hall.
- 1985 Tree of Life Banner dedicated for Cradle Roll children. Project Handicap accomplished.
- 1986 Five Goals written and adopted for St. Luke United Church of Christ.
- 1989 Area Visitation survey project has been completed, we receive special honorable mention at the Indiana Kentucky conference, the Memorial Hall is repainted and new blinds and cornices installed. We have brochures about the church for distribution.
- 1990 Lary Sakel becomes licensed and serves as our pastor during this year. We are introduced to Curious George during children's sermon with Mary Sakel. The anniversary committee works diligently on completion of Pictorial Directory.
- 1991 By unanimous decision Rev. Lary Sakel becomes our full time pastor in June.



ST.  
LUKE  
SUNDAY  
SCHOOL  
PICNIC  
AT  
DUNN'S  
BRIDGE  
1927



First  
Parsonage  
1952  
Rented



St. Luke  
Parsonage  
1954  
Purchased  
From  
Otto  
Dolezal



St. Luke  
Food  
Stand at  
S.P. Fair  
1975



Last  
Picnic  
at St.  
Luke  
before  
Parish  
Hall  
was  
Built  
1964



Ground  
Breaking  
Service  
for  
Parish  
Hall



Parish  
Hall  
Corner  
Stone  
Sealed  
1964



Julia (Luken) and Fred Weinkauff & horse Kit 1908



Blanche & Morris Paulsen



Ed & Esther (Menge) Hardel Married 73 Yrs.  
Ed. 100 yrs 1891-1991, Confirmed 1906  
Esther 91, B. 1900, Confirmed 1914



Clean up  
time in the  
New Kitchen  
1967, after  
Homecoming



St. Luke  
Women's  
Guild  
1965



VBS  
Mrs. Luedtke  
Bev Paulsen  
1964



Home  
Coming  
1989  
St.  
Luke

## Same Photographer Takes Wedding And Golden Wedding Pictures



These pictures of Mr. and Mrs. August K. Eckert of San Pierre were taken fifty years apart by the same photographer, Mrs. Clara Klopot of North Judson. One was taken Nov. 28, 1907, on their wedding day, and the other just recently as they prepared to celebrate their fiftieth anniversary. Though Mrs. Klopot's daughter, Mrs. Stella Bonner, has been in active management of the studio for many years, Mrs. Klopot is still happy to click the shutter when a unique occasion like this arises.

The Eckerts were born and grew up in Pulaski county. They were married at St. Luke's Evan-

gelical and Reformed church at San Pierre, and have resided in that vicinity all their married life. They have ten children — Mrs. Gertrude Muse of Valparaiso, Mrs. Martha Coffin of Reynolds, Mrs. Betty Hoehn and Fred W. Eckert of Wheatfield, Kenneth of North Judson, Clarence, Paul and Robert Eckert, Mrs. Clara Zimmerman and Mrs. Emma Zimmerman of San Pierre. They also have sixteen grandchildren.

The Eckerts will hold open house at the Blue Sea Community hall on Saturday, Nov. 30. Relatives and friends are invited to call from eight to twelve o'clock. No invitations have been issued.

We wish to dedicate this page to Mr. & Mrs August (nee Amelia Scholz) Eckert who celebrated their 50th Anniversary November 28, 1957 and their 64th Anniversary Nov. 1971. Mr. Eckert passed away Dec. 28, 1971 and Mrs. Eckert died March 23, 1977. We feel they are worthy of recognition for having the most children who were faithful members of St. Luke and that their children have been also.

Mr. & Mrs Eckert raised ten children all of whom were baptized and confirmed here. Six children are still living and they and their spouses are members of St. Luke. They are: EMMA Zimmerman, CLARA and Ernie Zimmerman, BETTY and George Hoehn, PAUL and Betty Eckert, ROBERT and Erna Eckert, KENNETH and AnneMarie Eckert. There are also several grandchildren and great grandchildren that are members. The children and their spouses have served on the Council for several years and have held offices in the Women's Groups and served on many committees. We thank all of them for their faithfulness.

We wish to recognize EMMA for being the oldest continuous member (not the oldest) of St. Luke.

May God Bless all of them for their dedication through the years.

# OUR HERITAGE TREE

This is a listing of Founding Fathers and First Families of St. Luke who still have descendants as members of our Church in 1991, with their children who were baptized here.

## ALBERDING, GERHARD

- 1- Charles Alberding
  - Estella Alberding Tetzloff
  - Ardella Alberding Paulsen
  - Beverly Paulsen
  - Connie Paulsen Howard
  - Thomas D. Howard
  - Irene Alberding Haman
  - Ronald Haman
  - Devin, Denise, Darren and Douglas Haman
- 2- Katherine Alberding Menge
  - Francis Dolezal
  - John R. Dolezal

## BADENHOOP, HERMAN

- 1-Anna Badenhop Fenzel
  - Esther Fenzel Harrington
  - Morton Harrington III
  - Amanda & Jill Harrington

## DUST, JULIUS\*NUZZMAN, WM.

- 1-August Dust and Clara Nuzzman
  - Wanita Dust Woosley

## HAUFF, SAMUEL

- 1-Emma Hauff Selmer
  - Ruth Selmer
  - Rev. Richard Selmer

## KRUMH, AUGUST\*MATTHEWS, JOHANN

- 1-Magdalena Krumm Matthews & E.G. Matthews
  - Evelyn Matthews Ammons

## LONG, EDWARD and LUKEN, HERMAN

- 1-Edward Long and Sophia Luken Long
  - Ralph Long

## LUKEN, HERMAN

- 1- Charlotte Luken Batzka
  - Helen Batzka Rosch
- 2-Elizabeth Luken Dolezal
  - Duane Dolezal

## SCHOLZ, AUGUST

- 1-August Scholz
  - Edward Scholz
  - August Scholz
  - Teresa, Tracy, and Edward August Scholz
  - Romel Scholz Minarik
  - Angela and Lawrence Minarik Jr.
  - Pamela Scholz Brown
  - Shannon and Jason Brown
  - Deborah Scholz
  - Nancy Scholz

2-Amelia Scholz Eckert  
 Emma Eckert Zimmerman  
 Thomas Zimmerman  
 Clara Eckert Zimmerman  
 Betty Eckert Hoehn  
 George Hoehn III  
 Joyce Hoehn Parish  
 Jerri Hoehn Witherspoon  
 Paul Eckert  
 Roberta Jean Eckert Jackson  
 Albert Eckert  
 Robert Eckert  
 Ed Eckert  
 Fred Eckert  
 Clarence Eckert  
 David Eckert  
 TETZLOFF, MICHAEL and DUST, JULIUS  
 1-Charles Tetzloff and Mary Dust Tetzloff  
 Donna Tetzloff Robbins (granddaughter)  
 TIMM, MICHAEL  
 1-Henry Timm  
 Dorothy Timm Hewett  
 Charles, Jack and Timothy Hewett  
 2-Laura Timm Eckert  
 Alvy Eckert  
 Allan Eckert  
 Allan Scott Eckert  
 Amy Eckert  
 Nancy Eckert Malecki  
 Sandra Malecki Vorm  
 Kathleen Malecki Brewer  
 Shaun Brewer  
 Raymond Eckert  
 Patrick Eckert  
 Julie Eckert  
 Phillip Eckert  
 Alice Eckert Stalbaum  
 Patricia Stalbaum Sinn  
 Ed Stalbaum  
 Christian , Courtney , Cameron  
 William Stalbaum  
 Owen Eckert  
 WILL, JOHN F.-- Great Uncle of Edward Will  
 Germaine Will Jones  
 Mildred Will Guffrea  
 Edna Will Vanecek

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# OLDEST LIVING MEMBER BY BIRTHDAY

Anna Hankey	7/11/1896	Agnes Safar	3/23/1904
Evelyn Ammons	7/31/1897	Ralph Long	5/28/1905
Chrystel Kramer	8/19/1901		

## OLDEST LIVING CONFERMANDS

- I906 EDWARD HARDEL (ARIZ) 7/19/1891  
100 YEARD OLD 1991  
Anna Scholz (N.J.) 12/15/1893  
I907 Ella Pawblisch (Ft.Wayne) 2/18/1895  
I911 Ellen Hanke Dalka (La Cross) 7/19/1895  
I913 Lydia Scholz Knackel (N.J.) 8/30/1899  
I914 Esther Menge Hardel (Ariz) 4/3/1900  
I915 Chrystel Kramer (S.P.) 8/9/1901  
Ida Olscheski Beckert (Ill)  
I921 Raymond Tetzloff (Med) 5/16/1905  
Elsie Kracht James (kouts) 5/21/1907  
I924 Helen Batzka Rosch (S.P.) 3/23/1911  
Julius Kracht (Knox) 12/17/1908  
Richard Tetzloff (Med) 11/25/1910  
I926 Ralph Alberding (Fla) 5/6/1913  
Kenneth Weinkauf (So.B)

## OLDEST MEMBERS BY BIRTHDAY

Anna Eggert Hanky	7/11/1896
Evelyn ammons	7/21/1897
Chrystel Kramer	8/9/1901
Agnes Safer	3/23/1904
Ralph Long	5/28/1905
Raymond Bullard	1/30/1909
Helen Batzka Rosch	3/23/1911
Arthur Werth	4/16/1911

## WIDOWS OF DECEASED PASTORS

Mable Hardt  
Olga Hendrix Duschl

# MEMBERS OF ST. LUKE 1930

Alberding, Charles  
 Alberding, Aletha  
 Alberding, Olive  
 Alberding, Wilbur  
 Alberding, Irene  
 Alberding, Estella  
 Badenhoop, Herman  
 Badenhoop, Elizabeth  
 Badenhoop, Paul  
 Badenhoop, Otto  
 Batzka, Frederick  
 Batzka, Charlotte  
 Batzka, Edna  
 Batzka, John  
 Batzka, Dorothea  
 Brown, Emma  
 Dolezal, John Jr.  
 Dolezal, Ella  
 Dolezal, Francis  
 Dust, August  
 Dust, Mrs. Clara  
 Dust, Frederick  
 Dust, Clara  
 Dust, Julius Sr.  
 Eckert, August  
 Eckert, Amelia  
 Eckert Clarence  
 Eckert Fred W.  
 Eckert, John  
 Eckert, Mrs. Laura  
 Eckert, Raymond  
 Eckert, Alvy  
 Eckert, Edith  
 Eckert, Edwin F.  
 Graubman, Carl  
 Graubman, Mrs. Lola  
 Gorrell, Mrs Martha  
 Hankey, Chris  
 Hankey, Anna  
 Hankey, Frederick  
 Hankey, Mrs. Othille  
 Hardel, Adam, Sr.  
 Hardel Mrs. Helen  
 Hardel, Theodore  
 Hardel, Edward  
 Hardel, Esther  
 Hardel, Paul  
 Hardel, Frances  
 Hine, Herman  
 Mine, Mrs. Sena  
 Mine, Mrs. Julius  
 Kracht, Frederick  
 Kracht, Amanda  
 Kracht, Elsie  
 Kracht, Julius  
 Kottka, Gustave  
 Kottka, Augusta

Kulske, Fritz, Secretary  
 Kulske, Helen  
 Kruger, Charles  
 Kruger, Mrs. Louise  
 Kruger, Herman  
 Kruger, Louise  
 Kramer, Peter  
 Kramer, Sophia  
 Kramer, Chrystel  
 Kingman, Mrs. Hattie  
 Kingman, Clyde  
 Long, Edward  
 Long, Mrs. Sophia  
 Menge, Mrs. Kathrine  
 Moll, Elsie  
 Mylius, Charles  
 Scholz, August  
 Scholz, Mrs. August  
 Selmer, Julius  
 Selmer, Rosa  
 Schmidt, Reinhold  
 Tetzloff, Charles  
 Tetzloff, Mary  
 Timm, Henry  
 Timm, Anna  
 Walck, James  
 Walck, Otilde  
 Weinkauff, Frederick  
 Weinkauff, Julia  
 Weinkauff, Kenneth  
 Will, John E.  
 Will, Mrs John E.  
 Will, Edna

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## Official Board- 1930

President-----John Dolezal Jr.  
 Secretary & Treasurer -- Fritz Kulske

Trustee	John Dolezal Jr.
	August Dust
	Fritz Kulske

Elders	August Scholz
	John Batzka
	Chas. Alberding

Rev. John Schaible-- Pastor  
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## Sunday School

Superintendent	Paul Hardel
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# CONFIRMANDS OF ST. LUKE CHURCH 1892-1988

## PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 10, 1892

Alberding, Heinrich  
Besker (Baker), Emil  
Fanselow, Fredericka  
Krumm, Emma  
Luken, Anna Charlotte  
Priem, Anna  
Tesmer, Hulda  
Tesmer, Ottilie  
Zabel, Wilhelmina

## PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 26, 1893

Becker, (Baker) Hulda  
Bethke, Frieda  
Hanke, Louise  
Luken, Julie  
Matthews, Johann  
Tesmer, Bertha  
Tesmer, Mathilda  
Will, Ewald  
Will, Gustav  
Zabel, Elizabeth

OCTOBER 12, 1894

Hankey, Mathilda

APRIL 14, 1895

Will, Auguste

MAY 12, 1895

Hanke, Johann  
Krumm, Louise  
Priem, Pauline  
Tesmer, Herman  
Will, Emilie

MAY 16, 1897

Alberding, George  
Becker (Baker) Herman  
Dust, Amanda  
Dust, Maria  
Heins, Heinrich  
Henke, Wilhelm  
Krumm, Martha  
Luken, Anna  
Pawlisch, Herman  
Priem, Mathilda  
Tesmer, Maria

## PALM SUNDAY, 1898

Alberding, Carl  
Badenhoop, Anna Sophia  
Badenhoop, Anna Maria  
Batzka, Martha  
Heins, Edward  
Henke, Edward  
Marquart, Carl  
Pawlisch, Friedrich  
Priem, Johann  
Scholz, Christiana

APRIL 20, 1898

Kaupke, Bertha

NOVEMBER 13, 1900

Becker, Emilie  
Becker, Wilhelm  
Hein, Anna  
Huff, Emma  
Kaupke, Karl  
Krueger, (Kruger) Ida  
Krumm, Emilie  
Luken, Elisa  
Scholz, Friedrich  
Scholz, Pauline  
Tesmer, Adolph  
Tesmer, Johann

AUGUST, 28, 1901

Dust, August  
Dust, Julius  
Hanke, Heinrich  
Priem, Heinrich  
Scholz, Emilie

AUGUST 9, 1903

Badenhoop, Paul  
Becker (Baker) Ed.  
Dust, Friedrich  
Hein, Mabel  
Krueger (Kruger) Maranda  
Pawlisch, Helena  
Scholz, William  
Tesmer, Adolph

AUGUST 20, 1905

Badenhoop, Chrisrine  
Badenhoop, Otto  
Dust, Emil  
Hardel, Paul  
Krumm, Johann  
Nutzman, Anna  
Pawlisch, Oskar  
Tesmer, August  
Tesmer, Ida

SEPTEMBER, 30, 1906

Arndt, Clara  
Becker, John (Baker)  
Hardel, Edward  
Kottka, Louise  
Nutzmann, Sophia  
Scholz, Anna  
Scholz, Clara  
Walter, Hilbert  
Walter, Karl

## PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 4, 1909

Becker, Aselhaid  
Dust, Paulina  
Hardel, Wilhelm  
Henke, Albert  
Henke, Christian  
Henke, Emil  
Olscheski, Gustav  
Olscheski, Martha  
Pawlisch, Ella  
Pawlisch, Johann  
Scholz, August  
Schutz, Alfred  
Tesmer, Arthur  
Tesmer, Ella

MAY 21, 1911

Becker, Louis  
Dust, Herman  
Hankey, Edna  
Hankey, Ellen  
Hine, Elisabeth  
Kottke, Alvina  
Tesmer, Edward  
Walter, Lillie

JANUARY 14, 1913

Fanselow, Carl

SEPTEMBER 7, 1913

Becker, Paul  
Hardel, Adam  
Hardel, Helena  
Henke, Anna  
Henke, Edith  
Henke, Leona  
Henke, Raymond  
Hock, Elisabeth  
Olscheski, Anna  
Scholz, Lydia

PALM SUNDAY

APRIL, 5, 1914

Batzka, Edna  
Batzka, Johann  
Hine, Raymond  
Menge, Ella  
Menge, Esther  
Menge, Frances  
Pawlisch, Michael  
Will, Johann

OCTOBER, 24, 1915

Graubman, Frieda  
Hanke, Clarence  
Kramer, Chrystel  
Olscheski, Ida  
Pawlisch, Hattie  
Scholz, Arthur

DECEMBER 1, 1918

Batzka, Vanetta  
Eckert, Alva  
Graubman, Carl  
Graubman, Dorothy  
Graubman, Edna  
Hardel, Theodore  
Kain, Frieda  
Olscheski, Miranda  
Will, George  
Will, Gertrude

NOVEMBER 30, 1919

Krueger (Kruger) Herman

SEPTEMBER 18, 1921

Alberding, Olive  
Batzka, Robert  
Eckert, Clarence  
Eckert, Dorothy  
Eckert, Raymond  
Graubman, Marinda  
Graubman, Mildred  
Kerbs, Edwin  
Kracht, Elsie  
Kramer, Walter  
Olscheski, Edward  
Tetzloff, Raymond

OCTOBER 5, 1924

Alberding, Irene  
Alberding, Wilbur  
Batzka, Helene  
Eckert, Gertrude  
Eckert, Ottilda  
Kerbs, Dorothy

Kracht, Julius  
Kramer, Louise  
Moll, Elsie  
Tetzloff, Ethel  
Tetzloff, Richard

1926

Alberding, Ralph  
Eckert, Fred  
Eggert, Earl  
Kingman, Clyde  
Weinkauf, Kenneth

MARCH 20, 1929

Eckert, Edith (Lindberg)

PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 24, 1929

Alberding, Estella  
Batzka, Hazel  
Danford, Alice  
Dolezal, Francis  
Eckert, Edwin  
Eckert, Elmer  
Eckert, Emma  
Kingman, Adelaide  
Tetzloff, LeRoy  
Thompson, Edwin  
Timm, Genevieve

PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 13, 1930

Dust, Evelyn  
Dust, Wanita  
Eckert, Clara  
Kracht, Luella  
Thompson, Annabelle  
Will, Edna

PALM SUNDAY

APRIL, 9, 1933

Brettman, Dorothy  
Brettman, Erwin  
Eckert, George  
Eckert, Mamie  
Eckert, Martha  
Eckert, Theodore  
Eggert, Clarence  
Eggert, Leora  
Hankey, Eleanor  
Scholz, Evelyn  
Selmer, Ruth  
Will, Mildred

DECEMBER 22, 1935

Tetzloff, Marian

MAY 24, 1936

Alberding, Kenneth  
Dust, Lester  
Dust, Marvin  
Eckert, Paul  
Moll, Elwyn  
Scholz, Raymond  
Scholz, Wilbur  
Will, Edward

OCTOBER 3, 1937

Alberding, Ardella  
Dust, LaVern  
Fenzel, Lucille  
Fenzel, Margaret  
Hankey, Adelaide  
Hardel, Elvira  
Kruger, Donald  
Kulske, Warren  
Scholz, Margarete  
Sparks, Mary M.  
Will, Germaine

PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 2, 1939

Anderson, Elsie  
Dolezal, Duane  
Eckert, Robert  
Fenzel, Evelyn  
Kulske, Lorene  
Scholz, Ralph  
Selmer, Richard

FEBRUARY 1, 1942

Batzka, Edith  
Batzka, June  
Brettman, Arlene  
Christenson, Margaret  
Cummins, Marian  
Dust, Devona  
Dust, Robert  
Eckert, Betty  
Eckert, Caroline  
Hankey, Marie  
Hardel, Merrill  
Scholz, Dorothy

PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 2, 1944

Timm, Dorothy

PALM SUNDAY  
MARCH 25, 1945  
Cummins, Roscoe  
Eckert, Barbara  
Eckert, Kenneth  
Fensel, Esther  
Hankey, Caroline  
Kneisler, Ruth  
Richardsin, Dan  
Scholz, Donald

PALM SUNDAY  
MARCH 30, 1947  
Eckert, Nancy  
Richardson, Jack  
Scholz, David

PALM SUNDAY  
APRIL 2, 1950  
Bullard, Patricia  
Scholz, Edward

PALM SUNDAY  
MARCH 2, 1953  
Eckert, Alice  
Eckert, Allen  
Kingman, Richard  
Lash, Ronald  
Scholz, Sylvia

PALM SUNDAY  
APRIL 3, 1955  
Bobek, Caroline  
Douglas, Robert  
Eckert, Carole  
Neumaier, Beverly  
Scammerhorn, Wayne

PALM SUNDAY  
APRIL 14, 1957  
Cramer, Richard  
Cramer, Robert  
Eckert, Owen  
Kingman, Keith  
Zimmerman, Sandra

PALM SUNDAY  
MARCH 22, 1959  
Cramer, Gerald  
Dolezal, Alberta  
Jones, Darlyne  
Miller, Karen

PALM SUNDAY  
APRIL 10, 1960  
Smolek, Don  
Tetzloff, Sharon

PALM SUNDAY  
MARCH 26, 1961  
Bobek, Barbara  
Dalka, Dennis  
Frey, Dennis  
Jones, Gale

PALM SUNDAY  
APRIL 15, 1962  
Dalka, Joyce  
Eckert, John  
Hoehn, Janet  
Paulsen, Robert  
Wickert, Marilyn  
Zimmerman, Bruce

PALM SUNDAY  
APRIL 7, 1963  
Cummins, Stephen  
Dalka, Shirley  
Paulsen, Beverly  
Paulsen, Carol

PALM SUNDAY  
MARCH 22, 1964  
Cummins, Ralph  
Harrington, Morton III  
Hartle, Jarrel  
Hoffman, Nancy  
Hoffman, Ruth  
Miller, Lois  
Tetzloff, Larry  
Wickert, Garry  
Wickert, Larry  
Will, Karen  
Zimmerman, Thomas

PALM SUNDAY  
APRIL 11, 1965  
Becker, Donna  
Becker, Nicholas  
Dalka, Randal  
Hewett, Charles

PALM SUNDAY  
APRIL 3, 1966  
Bobek, Arlene  
Dalka, Susan  
Eckert, Edward  
Harrington, Nancy  
Hoehn, Jorja  
Hoffman, Martha  
Paulsen, Connie  
Wickert, Brian

PALM SUNDAY  
MARCH 19, 1967  
Dolezal, John R.  
Paulsen, Vicki  
Will, Kathy

PALM SUNDAY  
APRIL 7, 1968  
Becker, Susan  
Cummins, Rebecca  
Dolezal, Nancy  
Eckert, Robert  
Hoehn, George III  
Malecki, Kathleen

PALM SUNDAY  
MARCH 30, 1969  
Jones, Monys  
Hewett, Jack  
Paulsen, Morris  
Soplanda, James

PALM SUNDAY  
MARCH 24, 1970  
Danford, Joan  
Eckert, August  
Eckert, Patrick  
Harrington, Rosemary  
Malecki, Sandra  
Paulsen, Jo Ellen  
Scholz, Pamela  
Smolek, Randall

PALM SUNDAY  
APRIL 4, 1971  
Eckert, Frederick  
Eckert, Paula  
Mimlitz, Cynthia  
Paulsen, Charles  
Sheets, David  
Stalbaum, Edward  
Will, Thomas

PALM SUNDAY  
MARCH 26, 1972  
Eckert, Roberta J.  
Hoffman, Linda  
Jones, Lewis  
Soplanda, Richard  
Stalbaum, Patricia  
Wickert, Alice

PALM SUNDAY  
APRIL 15, 1973  
Cummins, Mary  
Hewett, Timothy  
Jones, John  
Paulsen, Debra  
Scholz, Romel

PALM SUNDAY  
APRIL 7, 1974  
Cummins, Debbie  
Eckert, Albert  
Jones, William  
Smolek, Marianne  
Wohrle, Donna

PALM SUNDAY  
MARCH 23, 1975  
Chesak, Laura  
Danford, Keith  
Danford, Kevin  
Jones, Sherry  
Mason, Dorothea  
Scholz, August  
Sheets, Charles  
Stalbaum, William  
Thomas, Kent  
Wickert, Dean  
Wohrle, Susan

JUNE 6, 1976  
Brewer, John  
Budka, Lynn  
Eckert, Scott  
Jones, Mary

PENTECOST  
MAY 25, 1980  
Eckert, Christopher  
Haman, Darren  
Haman, Denise  
Haman, Devin  
Haman, Douglas  
Hoehn, Joyce  
Mason, John  
Paulsen, Kimberly  
Taylor, James  
Thomas, Bruce  
Thomas, Susan  
Wohrle, Debra  
(Chesak, Mark  
Hignite, Cynthia  
took instruction  
but did not join)

APRIL 12, 1982  
Chesak, John  
Howisen, Anthony  
Howisen, Erik  
Smolek, Matthew  
Hunter, Ruth (Member)

APRIL, 15, 1984  
French, Staci  
Hoehn, Jerri  
Homan, Carrie  
Scholz, Deborah  
Paulsen, David

MARCH 23, 1986  
Darman, Kelly  
French, Amber  
Risner, Sean  
Scholz, Nancy  
Smolek, Kurt

MARCH 27, 1988  
Darnell, Chris  
Homan, Jennifer  
McCallister, Alexander  
McCallister, Elizabeth  
McCallister, Patricia  
McCallister, Rosemary  
Thornton, Christy

ACCEPTED INTO FELLOWSHIP  
OF  
ST. LUKE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST.  
1891--1991

1890	1947
Hine, Sena Cathrine (Luken)	Frey, William
1898	Hewett, Joseph C.
Hardel, Adam Theodore Sr.	Miller, June (Schuster)
Hardel, Helen (Wagner)	Miller, William Clarence
1912	Paulsen, Thomas
Kracht, Fred J. J.	Smolek, Emil T.
1915	Smolek, Lauraine (Paulsen)
Dust, Clara (Neutzman)	Sparks, Anna (Bochousen)
1917	1948
Eckert, August.	Harrington, Morton II
1918	Hoehn, George
Eckert, Edwin.	Jones, Charles R.
1919	1949
Hanky, Anna (Eggert)	Clawsen, Betty (Hurt)
Scholz, Lillian (Shedrow)	Dolezal, Ann Marie (Gargione)
Tetzloff, Charles	1952
1920	Cramer, Eric
Timm, Henry & Anna (Eckert)	Hartle, Alfred Leonard
1922	Kruger, Marjorie (Steinke)
Kulski, Fritz.	Stark, Elizabeth (Thorne)
1938	Tetzloff, Dorothy (Duggleby)
Long, Ralph & Wilma (Neier)	1953
1940	Lash, Martha (Rigler)
Zimmerman, Henry	Will, Lois (Neilsen)
1942	1954
Eckert, Bertha (Schultz)	Budka, Joyce (Scammerhorn)
Zimmerman, Ernie	Eckert, Betty (Scammerhorn)
1944	Zacek, Vera Nadine (Tesmer)
Bullard, Raymond & Vera (Lawrence)	1955
Kneisler, Mable	Calvert, Lois Kathleen (Schultz)
1945	Garpow, Edward Frederick
Cramer, Louise (Cole)	Hoffman, Robert & Marcella (Dommer)
Cummins, Helen (Cramer)	Paulsen, Robert Nargard

Cont.

1955 Cont.

Paulsen, Dorothy Clara (Amm)  
Runk, John.  
Stastny, Anna (Adamek)  
Watson, Margaret

1957

Eckert, Anne Marie (Vacek)  
Eckert, Erna (Pingle)  
Hoover, Floyd  
Paulsen, Harry M.  
Paulsen Susanna (Knoop)  
Scholz, Betty (White)  
Stalbaum, Delos  
Wickert, August & Elaine (Soberg)

1959

Buddy, Ida (Wilcox, Lorenz)  
Lorenz, Steve & Rockford  
Malecki, Alfred  
Neumier, Ida Helena (Bradlow)  
Skuderna, William & Marie (Wright)

1963

Eckert, Judith (Annis)

1965

Becker, Robert & Doris (Kroft)  
Hine, Fred & Mary (Armfield)  
Hoskins, Charlotte (Volk)

1966

Becker, Elizabeth.  
Jones, Beverly (Alexander)  
Jones, Lewis Clifford  
Nason, Jennie  
Parobek, Katherine  
Paulsen, Blanche (Karela)  
Sheets, Roy & Joyce (Norris)

1967

Werth, Arthur & Theresa (Wapple)

1968

Ambers, Edward  
Safer, Agnes (Vavak)

1969

Babock, Virginia (Stoll)

1973

Whorle, Margot (Schwarzenbach)

1975

Crane, Florence

Mason, Wanda (Andrews)

1977

Darman, John & Angie (Burns)  
Eckert, David  
Stalbaum, Debra (Howard)  
Paulsen, Sherry (Hall)  
Skuderna, Charles  
Skuderna, Rebecca (Northrop)  
Sledge, Donald & Helen (Dixon)  
Smolek, Andrea (Spenner)

1978

Eckert, Mary Agnes (Fullen)  
Soberg, Julia (Haugan)

1980

Chesak, James & Joan (Franek)  
Eggert, Clarence & Ethel (Minteer)  
Hunter, Clyde K & Doris (Banz)  
Paulsen, Harry & Susanna (Knoop)  
Sahm, Richard & Joyce (Sippy)  
Smolek, Ruth (Trusty)  
Taylor, Dorothy (Fish)  
Taylor, Della (Loue)

1981

Glesic, Mike & Elizabeth  
Harrington, Debra (Meeks)  
Howisen, Patty & Robin  
Kottka, Robert & Edna (Glascock)  
Scholz, Jacqueline (Graham)

1982

Cotner, Donna (Vaughn)

1983

Wickert, Marilyn (Applegate)

1984

Madsen, Paul & Irene (Mahr)  
Vanecek, Anton Frederick.  
Vanecek, Jane Ellen (Wyllie)  
Vanecek, Scott Edward.  
Williams, Karen (Madsen)

1986

Arzola, Juan & Natividad (Guardola)  
Holbrook, Sue (Foy)  
Haman, Ronald & Geraldine (Burkey)  
Metts, Bonnie (Stalbaum)  
Risner, Linda (Hanaway)

1988

McCallister, Elizabeth.  
Minous, James & Joett.  
Robbins, Dawn (Bain, Glover)  
Robbins, Donna (Tetzloff)  
Walker, Elmer S. & Lucille D.

1989

Danford, Loretta (Fletcher)  
Paulsen, Susanna (Knoop)  
Soplenda, Julie (Hooker)

1990

Sakel, Lary & Mary (Kixmiller)  
Wolski, Edward & Sophia.

# Our Sons and Parents



SELMER, Rev. Richard & Evelyn



SELMER, Amiel & Emma



HARTLE, Rev. Jarrel & Jane



HARTLE, Alfred & Genevieve



WICKERT, Rev. Garry & Margaret  
Kristin



WICKERT, August & Elaine



WICKERT, Rev. Dean & Lynn  
Sandra, Matthew, Rebecca

## GOALS FOR THE FUTURE

St Luke United Church of Christ  
100th Anniversary 1991

Let us endeavor to:

1. Exhibit a positive Christian attitude that is warm, joyous, accepting and understanding of diverse opinions. This will serve to strengthen us in our relationship together with God and our community of faith.
2. Establish programs for the spiritual development of people of all ages, increase our educational ministry by encouraging our younger generation to participate in groups within our church and in the community.
3. Worship God through the enthusiastic and inspiring joy of corporate worship by active participation in proclaiming and celebrating the Good News.
4. Provide opportunity for all to experience spiritual growth by committing ourselves to fuller personal Bible reading and prayer, by witnessing to others that we are disciples of Jesus Christ by the way we live, by what we say, and by what we do.
5. Become a more caring congregation by using opportunities to broaden our outreach and mission ministry of local, denominational, and inter-denominational interests. Further, we need to strengthen our caring attitude and become more involved in needs arising from tragedy, illness, aging, and family problems that require help.

Submitted by Worship and Growth Committee



CHESAK, James & Joan



COTNER, David & Donna  
Michael, Robert



DARMAN, John & Angie  
Kelly, Bruce Thomas, Sue Thomas



ECKERT, Edward



ECKERT, Fred & Kathy



ECKERT, Kenneth & Anne Marie



ECKERT, Patrick  
Phillip



ECKERT, Mary



ECKERT, Robert & Erna



ECKERT, Robert Jr. & Kate



FREY, William



HAMAN, Ronald & Geraldine



HARRINGTON, Morton III & Deborah  
Amanda, Jill



HARTLE, Jarrel & Jane: Genevieve,  
Steven, Michael, Janell, Jacob



HEWETT, Joe & Dorothy



HOEHN, George & Betty  
Jeri



HOMAN, Cynthia



HOWARD, Connie  
Tom, Scott



JONES, Charles & Germaine



JONES, Clifford & Beverly  
Angela



JONES, Monys



KOTTKA, Edna



MADSEN, Paul & Irene



METTS, Jerry & Bonnie  
Lisa, Wendy



MILLER, June



PAULSEN, Charles & Alice  
Amanda, Belinda, Andrew, Melissa



PAULSEN, Dorothy



PAULSEN, Susanne



ROBBINS, Donna



ROBBINS, Jack & Dawn  
Julie, Amanda Glover



ROSCH, Helen



SAFAR, Agnes



SCHOLZ, August & Jackie  
Teresa, Tracey, Ed



SCHOLZ, Edward & Betty  
Deborah, Nancy



SELMER, Ruth



SHEETS, Joyce



SMOLEK, Don & Andrea  
Jill



SOPLANDA, James & Julie  
Chelsey



SOPLANDA, Richard & Marianne  
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Chrissie, Courtney, Cameron



STONE, Gregory & Karen  
Nate, Angela



TETZLOFF, Leroy & Estella  
Cynthia, Tanya



VANECEK, Anton & Jane



VANECEK, Edna



WALKER, Elmer & Lucille



WERTH, Arthur



WICKERT, August & Elaine



WICKERT, Janis



WICKERT, Larry & Marilyn  
Sarah, Julia



WILL, Edward & Lois



WILLIAMS, Karen  
Sarah, Elizabeth, Richard



WOLSKI, Edward & Sophia



WOOSLEY, Wanita



ZIMMERMAN, Ernie & Clara



ZIMMERMAN, Emma



AMMONS, Evelyn



BULLARD, Raymond & Vera



ECKERT, Owen



GUFFREA, August & Mildred



HAMAN,  
Devin, Darren, Douglas, Denise



HANKEY, Christian & Anna



HARING, Mark & Lois  
Morgan



HARTLE, Alfred & Genevieve



HARTLE, Rev. Jarrell & Jane



:HOFFMAN, Robert & Marcella



:HUNTER, Ruth



:KRAMER, Chrystel



:PAULSEN, Beverly



:PAULSEN, Thomas & Ardella



:SAKEL, Rev. Lary & Mary



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:SHEETS, David



:SMOLEK, Emil & Lauraine



:SMOLEK, Kurt



:SMOLEK, Matthew



:SMOLEK, Randy & Ruth  
Christy, Ginny, Kevin



:VANECEK, Scott & Christine



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Sandra, Matthew, Rebecca



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Kristin



:WILSON, Harold & Darlyne  
April

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