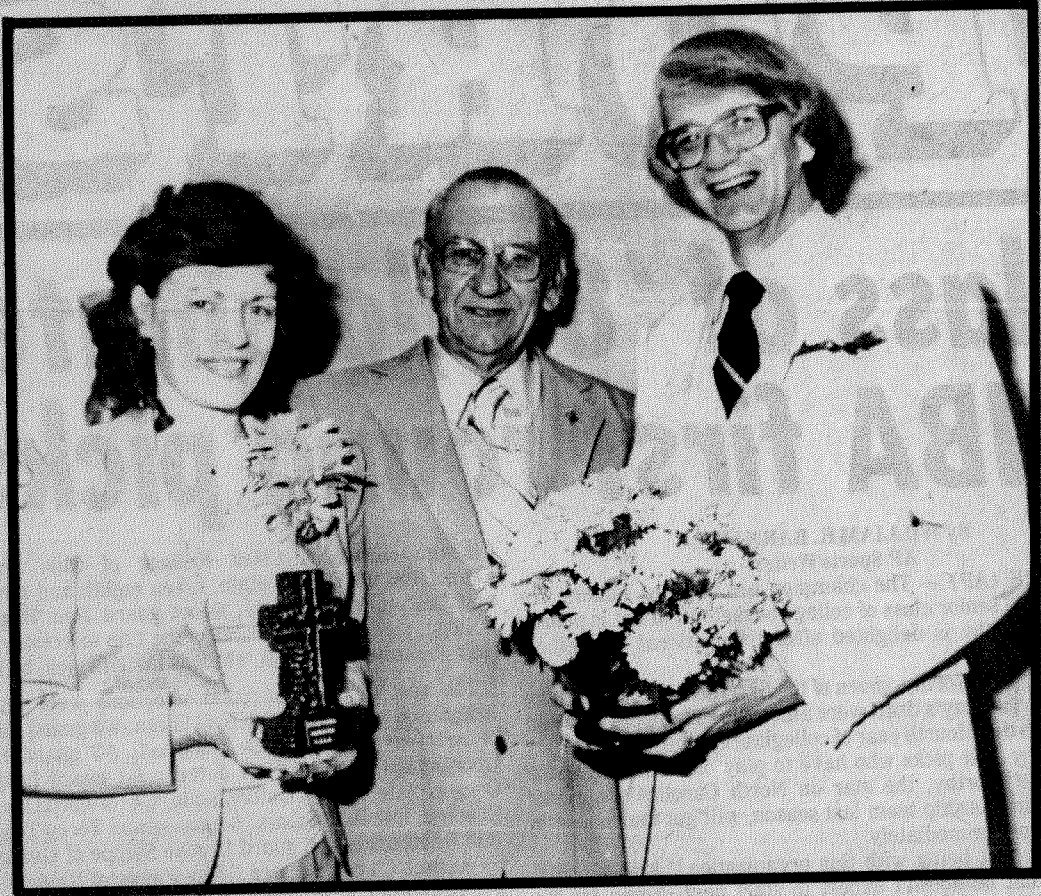


Sunday, June 27, 1982



Farewell to Kysars — Some 200 members and friends of Christ United Lutheran Church attended a farewell dinner for Pastor Myrna Kysar (left) and Pastor

Robert Kysar (right) held in the Gordon Municipal Building. With the Kysars here is Carl Johnston (center), emcee. (Yenchick photo)

CULC dinner party in Gordon

'Farewell to Kysars'

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GORDON — Pastor Myrna Kysar said, "Thank you for being here tonight, especially all the youth who have given me something special. We will remember you in our prayers." These remarks were a part of Pastor Myrna Kysar's comments during the "Farewell To The Kysars Dinner" held Sunday, June 27th at the Gordon Municipal Building.

Approximately 200 members and friends of Christ United Lutheran Church attended the covered dish dinner. C.U.L.C. includes Saint Peter, Lavelle; Saint John, Ashland R.D.1; Zion, Girardville; Saint Paul, Gordon.

On behalf of C.U.L.C., Carl Johnson, M.C., presented the Kysars with a cross made from anthracite coal and a floral centerpiece. Carl thanked the Kysars for serving C.U.L.C. for three and one half years and for the fine programs they started.

The ceremonies began with Invocation by Rev. Henry G. Fromhartz, Pastor of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Ashland. He will serve as Vice Pastor for C.U.L.C. during the transition period.

Susan Long presented a corsage to Pastor Myrna. Alma Scheele presented a boutonniere to Pastor Bob.

The special guests made brief remarks commending the Kysars. The following are parts of their congratulatory messages:

Rev. Phillip Bendle, Pastor, Trinity Lutheran Church, Pottsville. He is Dean of the Schuylkill District of Northeastern Penna. Synod said:

"I salute Myrna and Bob, two warm people and for the warmth and outreach they brought to you. We mourn the loss of Bob and Myrna, two capable and devoted people. Join me as we offer our applause to them."

Father Stephen Forish, Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Gordon, said:

"On this special occasion, we give back to God what he has given us. These two wonderful people had a purpose set by God. They have fulfilled His work and again are at God's disposal. Thank God for their love and devotion. Our love will follow the Kysars. On behalf of O.L.G.C. we will miss you, we will pray for you."

Rev. Henry Fromhartz said:

"C.U.L.C. has been blessed with two fantastic Pastors, Myrna and Robert. On behalf of Good Shepherd we will include you in our prayers. May almighty God bless you, Myrna and Bob."

The Junior Choir, Saint Paul Chapel, directed by Martha Bingaman, sang the following selections: "Nothing Is Impossible When You Put Your Trust In God" and "I Believe In Miracles Because I Believe In God."

The Junior Choir presented Pastor Myrna with a gift of hand carved wooden set of book ends. It was a highly emotional moment as the members of the Junior Choir thanked Myrna for her help and support of the Junior Choir.

Another emotional period occurred as the Youth Group presented Pastor Myrna with a bundle of balloons with messages printed on the balloons, such as, Good Luck, Bob and Myrna, and an album filled with pictures of the Kysars participating in various youth activities during the past three years. Each member of the Youth Group expressed their sincere appreciation with hugs and kisses for the Kysars. Tears were very much in evidence.

James Kimmel, a music major at Mansfield State College, entertained with solos on his slide trombones, including: "76 Trombones," "Morning Has Broken," "When The Saints Come Marching In," "How Great Thou Art," "Battle Hymn Of The Republic," and a sing-a-long, "In The Good Old Summer Time."

Malcolm Boyer showed a brief slide presentation of past C.U.L.C. functions, with some activities including the Kysars.

Pastor Robert Kysar's thank you, included: "We appreciate everything you have done for us. It has been a happy three and one-half years working for you. Truly a bittersweet experience; sweet because of the marvelous challenge offered. Bitter leaving the warmth you have shared with us."

Master of Ceremonies Carl Johnson thanked and introduced his committee who planned and followed through with providing the dinner and program. The committee members were: Marion Brennan, Martha and Jacob Bingaman, Dean Fetteroff, Miriam Hubler, Susan Long, Alma Scheele, Esther Warcola and Paul Wolfgang.

The congregation sang, "God Bless America."
Father Forish pronounced the Benediction.



Gifts and good wishes are received by Pastors Robert and Myrna Kysar, center, of the four-chapel Christ United Lutheran Church during a farewell dinner. At left is Carl Johnson, vice president of the church council; at right, Chris Green, youth group member.

Gifts express gratitude for services, programs initiated by 2 ministers

GORDON — Pastors Myrna and Robert Kysar of Christ United Lutheran Church were honored with a farewell dinner in appreciation of their services to the congregations of the four chapels of the church during the past three years. They served St. Paul's, Gordon; Zion Chapel, Girardville; St. Peter's, Lavelle, and St. John's, Kimmels.

The Rev. Myrna Kysar will assume full-time pastorate of Christ Church Reading. The Rev. Robert Kysar will combine part-time teaching at Gettysburg College with work at Lutheran Welfare, Wilkes-Barre, and will continue with his writing career.

Carl Johnson, vice president of the church council, was master of ceremonies. He presented a large cross made of anthracite to the pastors.

Johnson thanked them for initiating a number of new programs, including Christ United Lutheran Church (CULC) Youth Center in Lavelle, Young Adults Group, Word and Witness, a 62-week in-depth study of the Bible taught by the Rev. Robert Kysar, parenting classes and Alleluia Music School. They were also instrumental in encouraging outside groups such as Al-Anon, Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts to meet at the church.

Presentation of a floral arrangement to the pastors was by Alma Scheele, former secretary of CULC council and trustee of Zion Chapel, and Susan Long, Senior Youth Group adviser. Mrs. Long is also a member of the call committee, which is appointed to aid in the selection of a new pastor.

A photo album with pictures of all four chapels and of the Youth Group, its trips, picnics, and activities, was presented by the Youth Group to the pastors. Audio-visual slides of CULC events were presented by Malcolm Boyer. The CULC Junior Choir gifted the pastors with ceramic figurines.

Speakers and special guests introduced by the master of ceremonies were: the Rev. Philip S. Bendle, pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Pottsville, and dean of Schuylkill District, Northeast Pennsylvania Synod, accompanied by his wife, Debbie; the Rev. Stephen Forish, pastor of Our Lady of Good Council Church, Gordon; the Rev. Henry Fromhartz, pastor of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Ashland,

who will serve as vice pastor for CULC until new clergy arrives, accompanied by his wife Lynn.

Entertainment was provided by St. Paul's Junior Choir and by James Kimmel of St. John's Chapel, who presented trombone selections. He is a music major at Mansfield State College and will serve as one of the teachers of the Alleluia Music School. The invocation was offered by the Rev. Henry Fromhartz, and the benediction was pronounced by the Rev. Stephen Forish. The buffet dinner was prepared by CULC members.

Serving on the farewell dinner committee were Miriam Hubler, Martha and Jacob Bingaman, Alma Scheele, Paul Wolfgang, Dean and Barbara Fetterolf, Susan Long, Esther Warcola, Marion Brennan.