

# Fiftieth Anniversary

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Evangelical Lutheran  
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Rev. B. F. Engelhardt, Pastor

*"And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year, and  
proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto  
all the inhabitants thereof; it shall be a jubi-  
lee unto you.*

LEVITICUS 25:10

# My Church

Deep in our hearts we know that the Church is of God. That in spite of human frailties she has brought blessings untold to all generations, including our own. That she has made our community and our country a better place in which to live, to work, to establish a home, and to rear our children. That we would not want to live or die in a land where no church spires point its people heavenward.

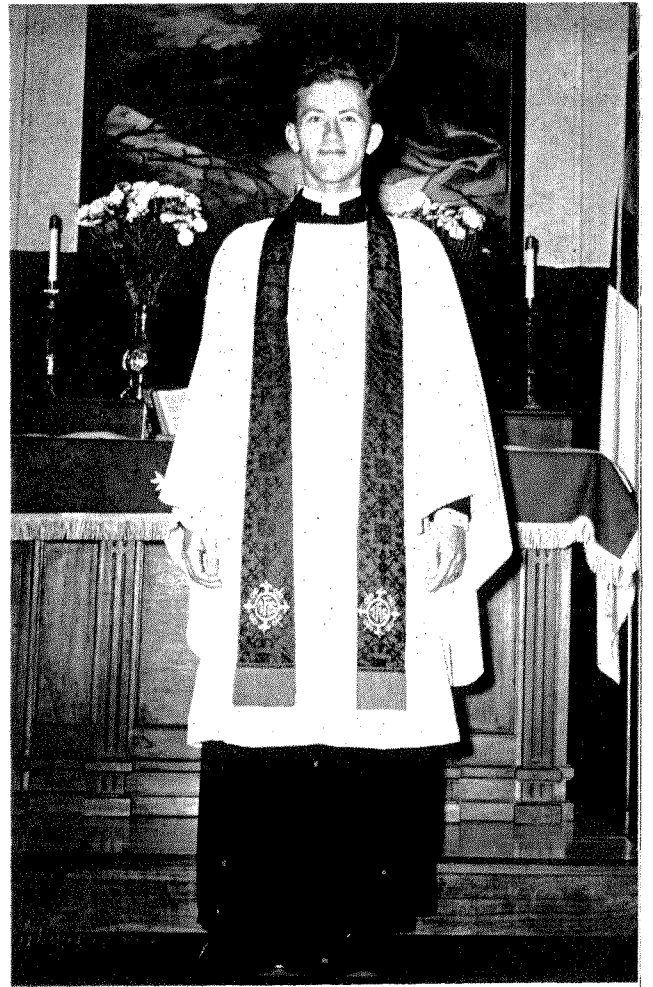
We also know that the Church continues to live triumphantly even when men and nations reject her by indifference or open hostility.

In this knowledge we gladly give ourselves to our Church and offer her our loyal support by intelligent membership, regular attendance, generous giving, ardent prayer, and devoted service.

Sincerely,

## THE COMMITTEE

MRS. CHARLES KNOCK  
MRS. JESSE HUMMEL  
MRS. ALMA WALTER  
MRS. CARL BURKHOLDER  
MR. CARL BURKHOLDER  
MRS. ROY HUNTER  
MR. CHARLES KOPP  
MR. DANIEL WOLFGANG  
PASTOR ENGELHARDT



*Pastor*  
*B. F. Engelhardt*

In the past fifty years, God has blessed the congregation of St. Peter's many times over. Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ has always been the Guide; the Holy Spirit has enlightened and sanctified the members of our Church. At this time, let us thank God for all His gifts. And let us remember that God is always with us and will bless us as we carry on His work in this community.

And I personally thank God that I am with you at this time and able to share in your rejoicing.

PASTOR ENGELHARDT.



## *In The Chapel*

Let me pause in the chapel, by the side of the road,  
And leave my burden, each day.  
Let me gather a portion of strength, dear Lord,  
As I kneel a moment, to pray.

There, in the tranquil chapel small,  
Apart from the din and strife,  
In communion, Lord, I'll find new faith  
And guidance, for daily life.

Then I'll share my blessing with others, Lord;  
Yes, share, for the world to see,  
That a man's life is made far richer,  
When he pauses a moment — with Thee.

ARLEAN LEIBERT



## Our Church

We have a little Church-house  
Whose tall spire points above,  
It tells us of God's mercy,  
Reminds us of His love,  
Within its tower a bell rings  
With tones both loud and clear;  
It calls us all to worship,  
And tolls out—"God is here."

We have the sweetest organ  
We hear its clear notes rise,  
To help us sing our praises  
And lift them to the skies.

'Tis here we bring our babies,  
Our youth, our faithful old,  
And here we hear the message  
That keeps us in His fold.

We would not change our Church-house  
For any vaster shrine;  
We've sung and prayed and toiled here  
To let its bright light shine.  
We love its choir, its altar,  
Its chancel—every bit—  
For it is part of all of us  
And we are part of it.

KATHERINE JEAN SPANGLER



## *The Faithful*

"If two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

Matthew 18:19,20

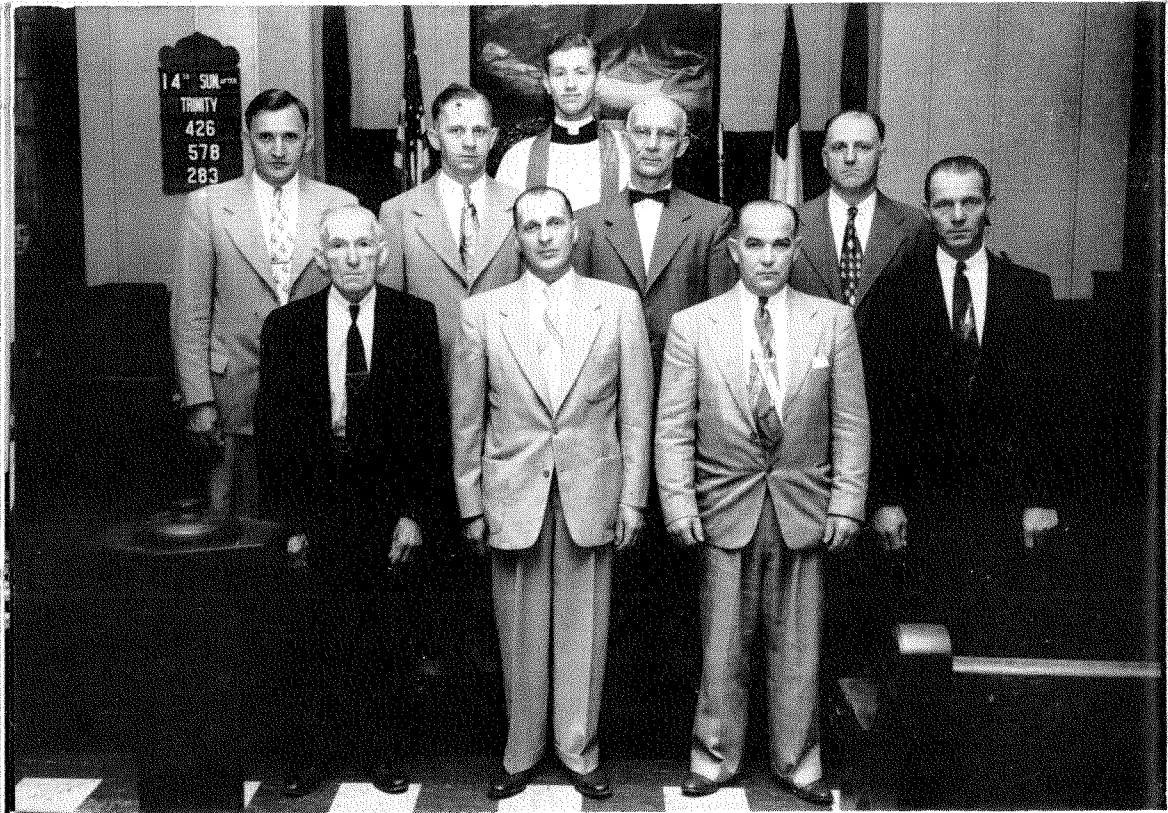


## *Congregation*

“Let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works. Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is.

Hebrews 10:24,25





(First row, left to right) Messrs. Elmer Weikel, Charles Kopp, Marlin Lubold, Clair Wolfgang. Second row: Fred Tesnow, Carl Burkholder, Charles Knock, Daniel Wolfgang, Pastor Engelhardt.

## Church Council

### OFFICERS

DANIEL WOLFGANG	- - - - -	<i>President</i>
CARL W. BURKHOLDER	- - - - -	<i>Secretary</i>
MARLIN LUBOLD	- - - - -	<i>Treasurer</i>
CHARLES KNOCK		CHARLES KOPP
FRED TESNOW		ELMER WEIKEL
		CLAIR WOLFGANG

"We are fellow workmen for God; you are God's field. God's building.

I Corinthians 3:9



(First row, left to right) Mrs. Marlin Lubold, Mrs. James Reiner, Miss Caroline Lubold. (Second row) Mrs. Charles Kopp, Miss Betty Schoff-stall, Mrs. Carl Burkholder. (Third row) Mrs. Esther Klauger, Mrs. Vincent Bendinsky, Mrs. Daniel Wolfgang, Mrs. Charles Knock.

## *Our Choir and Organist*

Mrs. Alma Walter





(First row, left to right) Mesdames: Alma Walter, Hilda Burkholder, Alma Wolfgang, Opal Newton, Vinona Knock, Erma Lubold, Viola Tesnow. (Second row) Jean Klase, Anna Kopp, Jean Reiner, Esther Klauger, Ruth Hummel, (Third row) Mazie McDermott, Mary Burkholder, Maude Snyder, Helen Hunter, Ida Leib. (Not present when pictures were taken) Christie Stelfox, Sarah Klager, Jane Pennypacker, Shirley Boehmer, Eva Grosser, Sophronie Lexo, Leona Tesno, Harriet Theading, Elsie Wetzel, Jennie Walter, Miss Anna Klauger.

### OFFICERS

MRS. ESTHER KLAUGER	-	-	-	-	-	<i>President</i>
MRS. EDWARD GROSSER	-	-	-	-	-	<i>Vice-President</i>
MRS. CARL BURKHOLDER	-	-	-	-	-	<i>Secretary</i>
MRS. WARREN KLASE	-	-	-	-	-	<i>Treasurer</i>

The Ladies Aid Society was organized a short time following the organization of the church for the purpose of helping the church meet its financial obligations.

# The Programme

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3

9:15 A.M.—HOLY COMMUNION - - - - - Rev. Engelhardt  
10:30 A.M.—SUNDAY SCHOOL  
7:30—VESPERS - - - - - Rev. Engelhardt  
SOLOIST - - - - - Mr. Raymond Fegley  
Ashland, Pa.

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 4

7:30 P.M.—INSPIRATION NIGHT - - - Rev. Walter H. Guigley  
Pastor, St. John's Lutheran Church, Ringtown, Pa.  
SOLOIST - - - - - Mr. Harold Strunk  
Locust Dale, Pa.

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5

7:30 P.M.—ANNIVERSARY NIGHT - Rev. Charles E. Rudy  
Former Pastor — Pastor, St. John's Lutheran Church, Mifflinville, Pa.  
SOLOIST - - - - - Miss Betty Schoffstall  
Lavelle, Pa.

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6

7:30 P.M.—SUNDAY SCHOOL NIGHT - - Mr. Robert C. Bader  
Superintendent, Trinity Lutheran Sunday School, Pottsville, Pa.  
SOLOIST - - - - - Mr. William Henninger  
Ashland, Pa.

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7

7:30 P.M.—MUSIC NIGHT — Organ Recital - Mr. Alfred Seward  
Reading, Pa.  
SOLOIST - - - - - Mr. Willard Rothermel  
Mt. Camel, Pa.

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8

7:30 P.M.—FELLOWSHIP NIGHT - Rev. W. Carter Merbreier  
Philadelphia, Pa.  
DUET - - - - - Rev. and Mrs. Hightower  
Lavelle, Pa.

## A Historical Summary

Many years before our congregation was organized the Lutheran people of Lavelle went to Ashland to worship in the Zions Lutheran Church (services at that time were in the German language); the Rev. J. J. Weber was pastor at that time. In 1891 Rev. G.W. Fritsch took charge at Zions and he organized a small congregation in Huntersville (now Lavelle) with services held first in the old church in Taylorsville, later in the public school house in Huntersville, later in the church building of the Evangelical Association; services were held every third Sunday, and all services were in the German language. In October, 1902. Rev. Paul E. Bergman took charge at Zions, Ashland, and still supplied this new congregation. In February, 1904, a movement was set forth to secure a church home for this congregation. Before a church could be erected a charter had to be applied for, which was duly granted. After that a plot of ground was purchased from the Widow Lexo, a member of the congregation.

The work of the building was begun at once the laying of the cornerstone took place Sunday, May 1, 1904. On October 2, the dedication ceremonies were held with the Rev. W. E. Fisher preaching the dedication sermon while Rev. E. B. Killinger, Ashland, and Rev. E. E. Schantz,

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### Pastors Who Have Served Our Congregation

Rev. J. J. Weber	
Rev. G. J. Fritsch	
Rev. Paul E. Bergeman	1902-1908
Rev. Grossman	1909
Rev. M. F. Good	1910-1914
Rev. C. Henry Thomsen	
Rev. Schoffer	
Rev. M. Krause	
Rev. George G. Parker	1919-1921
Rev. George W. Knerr	1922-1926
Rev. Charles E. Rudy	1926-1951
Rev. Howard W. Bock	1951-1953
Rev. B F Englehardt	1954

*Early Church Records Are  
Incomplete*

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Gordon, delivered addresses. Total cost of the building was approximately \$2,500.00. About this time the Sunday School, Ladies Aid Society, and Young Peoples Society were organized. In October 1907 the last of the debt was paid, and a note burning service was held. The English language was introduced to alternate each week with the German. About 1915 the German language was dismissed and only English was preached. In the following years, so many events have occurred in the history of our Church that to include them all would be too lengthy. Therefore we will merely focus our attention on the highlights. In 1920 the first electric lights were installed. In 1928 the Primary Room was built. In 1929 the 25th anni-

versary was held, and there were week-long celebrations in honor of this event.

In 1934 the stained glass windows were installed and dedicated with a special service. In 1939 our present picnic grove was purchased. In 1940 the Altar was purchased by two Sunday School classes and dedicated with special services. In 1941 the artesian well was drilled for water in the grove, also the same year brass Altar furnishings were purchased. In 1942 the Altar Paraments were purchased, all of our chancel furnishings were donated by Sunday School classes, or by families or individuals in memory of some loved ones.

In 1948 the exterior of the building was renovated with the present siding, and in 1950 the interior was renovated including sides and ceiling, flooring and carpet. In November 1950 our Hammond Electric Organ was

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**Sunday School  
Superintendents  
Who Have Served**

*Amos Snyder	1904-1908
*Andrew J. Wetzel	1909-1911
*William Runge	1912-1913
Raymond Krah	1914
George Yentsch	1915-1916
Walter Wolfgang	1917
*James Wetzel	1918-1921
*William Runge	1922
*Roy Tesno	1925-1926
*William Runge	1924
Charles Wagner	1927-1930
*William Tesno	1931-1932
Mrs. William Lieb	1933
Frank Wagner	1934-1941
Clarence Tesno	1942
Mrs. Carl Burkholder	1943-1950
Charles Kopp	1951

\*—Deceased

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donated, and a special dedication service was held including an organ recital. In 1951 our present heating system was installed, and in 1952 our modern kitchen was completed. At this writing we were beginning some new additions to our building which will include a cloak room, and a stairway.





## Officers and Teachers

Christian education is the need of the hour throughout the world. If the gospel of Jesus Christ is the hope of the world—and it is—if the Church is the divinely appointed agency for the dissemination of this gospel—and it is—if the church's Bible school is the recruiting camp and training agency of the church—and it is—if the church's Bible school is the hope of the world! General Pershing once said, "The United States does not need more airplanes or weapons of warfare, but an unbroken chain of Sunday Schools across the continent, equal in number to our public schools."

When Christians learn to worship God daily in the quiet of their own homes, they will be in the right attitude for public worship.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Charles Kopp *Superintendent*  
 Mrs. Carl Burkholder *Assistant Superintendent*  
 Joanne Klauger *Secretary*  
 Nellie Schlorff *Assistant Secretary*  
 Carl W. Burkholder *Treasurer*  
 Mrs. Alma Walter *Pianist*  
 Mrs. Charles Knock *Assistant Pianist*

### PRIMARY DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Fred Tesno *Superintendent*  
 Mrs. Marlin Lubold *Assistant Superintendent*  
 Caroline Lubold *Pianist*

### SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

#### PRIMARY DEPARTMENT

Caroline Lubold  
 Mrs. Marlin Lubold  
 Mrs. Charles Kopp  
 Mrs. Daniel Wolfgang

#### SENIOR DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Carl Burkholder  
 Daniel Wolfgang  
 Elmer Weikel  
 Mrs. Alfred Leib  
 Carl W. Burkholder  
 Larae Scheuren  
 Donald Snyder



*Senior and Primary Sunday School Departments*





## Patrons

Adult Bible Class  
Bendinsky, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent  
Bolich, Mr. and Mrs. Abe  
Burkholder, Mr. and Mrs. Carl  
Burkholder, Bruce  
Burkholder, Mrs. Mary  
Engelhardt, The Rev. B. F.  
Fegley, Mr. and Mrs. Marshal  
Fegley, Mrs. Verdon and daughter  
Fey, Mrs. Victoria  
Fey, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd  
Grosser, Mr. and Mrs. Edward  
Hepler, Mr. and Mrs. Robert  
Heyer, Mr. and Mrs. Lamar  
Heyer, Mrs. Mary  
Heyer, Mr. Robert  
Hummel, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse  
Hummel, Miss Joan  
Hummel, Mr. and Mrs. Robert  
Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. Roy  
Junior Boy's Class  
Kehler, Mr. and Mrs. Robert  
Kesh, Mr. and Mrs. John  
Klase, Mr. and Mrs. Warren  
Klauger, Miss Anna  
Klauger, Mrs. Esther and Family  
Klauger, Mrs. Sarah  
Klauger, Mrs. Vera  
Knock, Mr. and Mrs. Charles  
Kopp, Mr. and Mrs. Charles  
Krah, Mr. Harry  
Kramer, Mr. and Mrs. William  
and Son Richard  
Ladies Aid Society  
Leib, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred  
Leib, Mr. and Mrs. Earl  
Lubold, Miss Caroline  
Lubold, Mr. and Mrs. Marlin  
Lunt, Mr. and Mrs. Edward  
Magdeburg, Mr. and Mrs. Henry  
McDermott, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph  
Merry Maids Class  
Newton, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy  
Paul, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence  
Pennypacker, Miss Arlene  
Pennypacker, Mr. and Mrs. Carl  
Price, Mr. and Mrs. Richard  
Quinn, Mrs. Gertrude  
Rainbow Class  
Reichwein, Mrs. Marie and Sons  
Reiner, Mr. and Mrs. James  
Schlorff, Mr. and Mrs. Emerson  
Schlorff, Mr. Leon  
Schlorff, Miss Nellie  
Seiler, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph  
and daughter  
Shearn, Mr. and Mrs. Roger  
Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond  
Snyder, Miss Ruth  
Stellfox, Mrs. Christie  
Sunday School  
Sunshine Class  
Tesnow, Mr. and Mrs. Fred  
Theading, Mrs. Harriet  
Wagner, Mr. and Mrs. Charles  
Walter, Mrs. Alma  
Walter, Mr. Donald  
Walter, Mrs. Jennie  
Walter, Mr. and Mrs. John  
Wedde, Mr. and Mrs. Harry  
Weikel, Mr. Elmer  
Welker, Mr. and Mrs. Adam  
Welker, Mr. Percy  
Wetzel, Mrs. Elsie  
Wolfgang, Mrs. Annie  
Wolfgang, Miss Betty  
Wolfgang, Mr. Charles  
Wolfgang, Mr. and Mrs. Clair  
Wolfgang, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel  
Wolfgang, Mr. James  
Wolfgang, Miss Jean  
Wolfgang, Miss Jeanette  
Wolfgang, Mr. and Mrs. Paul  
and Son Grant  
Wolfgang, Mr. Ralph  
Wolfgang, Miss Ruth  
Wolfgang, Mr. and Mrs. Walter