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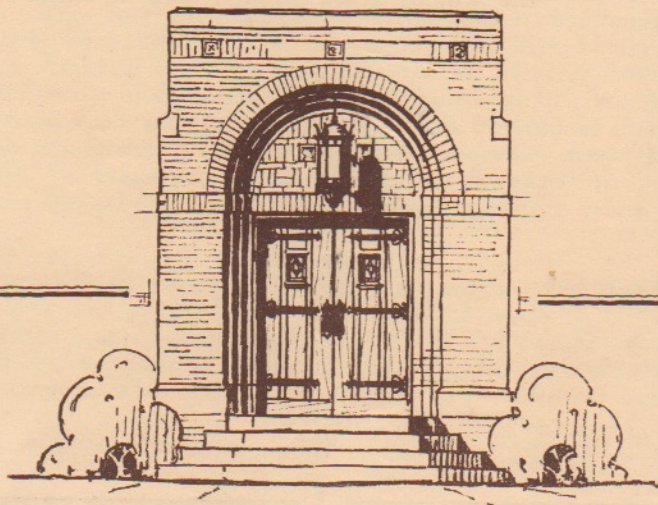


In Commemoration
of the
DEDICATION
of the
New
Hope Evangelical Lutheran
Church and School
St. Louis, Mo.

ELFRED L. ROSCHKE, Pastor



JANUARY 18, 1931





In His Name

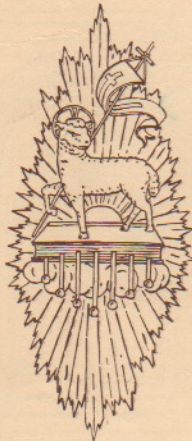
IN HIS NAME, in the name of Jesus, our only Savior and Redeemer we made our plans for the new and larger Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church and School.

IN HIS NAME, in the name of Him, whose blessings are so necessary and so beneficial to any undertaking, in the blessed name of Jesus, we broke the ground for the new edifice in which His Word was to be proclaimed and His Wisdom taught unto the Little Ones of His Flock.

IN HIS NAME, in the name of Jesus Christ, who is the only foundation for His Church, for other foundation can not man lay than that which is laid, which is Christ Jesus, we laid the cornerstone of our new house of worship and our new nursery of Christian Knowledge.

IN HIS NAME, in the name of Jesus, whose glory is the glory of the only Begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth we dedicate this day our new church and school and hope and pray that it may become a real house of prayer, a house of praise, a house of thanksgiving unto God, our Lord.

IN HIS NAME, in the name of Jesus, in whom alone there is real salvation and eternal bliss and happiness, we hope to proclaim in this church and learn in this school the old but ever new Gospel message that Jesus Christ is come into the world to save sinners and that a man is justified freely, without the deeds of the law, by grace through faith in Christ Jesus.

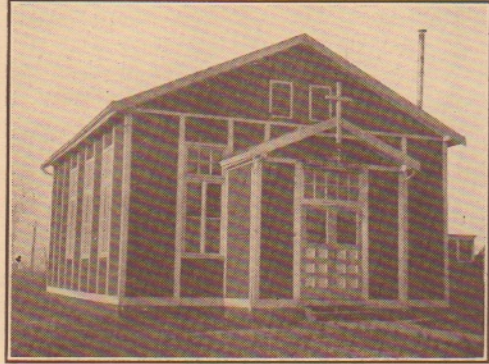




The Progress of Hope Ev. Lutheran Church

Early Beginnings

ABOUT twenty years ago this beautiful residential section of St. Louis in which Hope Ev. Lutheran Church is located was to a great extent open, unoccupied territory. Among the first enterprising pioneers, who moved out to Southampton to establish their homes, people who were not afraid of loneliness, of darkness and of muddy

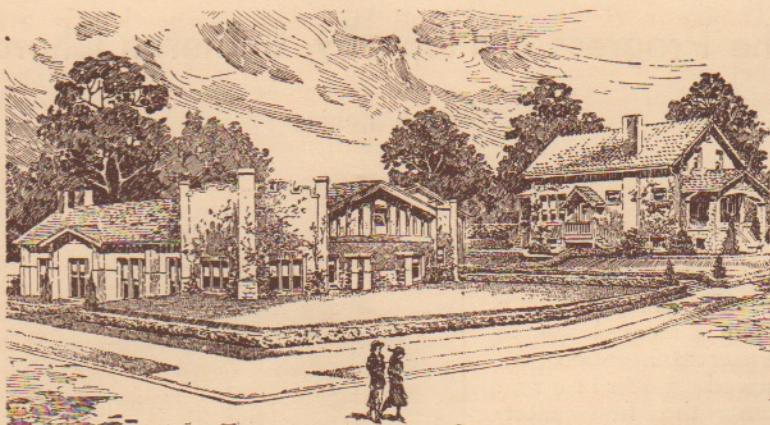


streets, there were also some Lutheran families. It was not long before these Lutheran families became acquainted, especially through the instrumentality of Mr. Wm. Eickhoff, a Lutheran mail carrier, and soon they began to speak of the establishment of a Lutheran mission in this community.

The first concrete steps towards the establishment of a Lutheran Mission in the Southampton Community of St. Louis were taken in the fall of the year 1914. A meeting of interested parties was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Boecker on Murdoch Street for the purpose of discussing the advisability of starting a Lutheran mission. This first get-together of Lutherans in Southampton was attended by Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ulrich, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Boecker, Mr. Wm. Eickhoff and two members of the Mission Board of the Western District of the Missouri Synod, the Pastors F. W. Weidmann and Richard Kretzschmar. Although it was decided at this meeting, after the missionary possibilities of the community were thoroughly discussed, to begin to conduct Lutheran Services, to conduct a Christmas service if possible, no definite steps were taken for over a year.

It was during the year 1916 that the enterprising Mission Board of the Western District asked a number of students of Concordia Seminary to make a preliminary canvass of the Southampton neighborhood to ascertain whether a new mission venture would be feasible or not. This canvass was successfully conducted and satisfied





with its results, the Mission Board immediately proceeded with definite mission activity. After surveying the field, an option was placed on a lot, 75x125, at the corner of Macklind Avenue and Itaska Street, to be bought for the consideration of \$1,000.00. When the Lutherans of this community studied the matter further, they felt that the lot under consideration was too far away from the residences in the neighborhood and also too small, and under the leadership of Messrs. Wm. Eickhoff and Wm. F. Meyer they found a more suitable lot at the corner of Neosho Street and Brannon Avenue, the present church site. After raising the amount of \$175.00 from the people of this neighborhood, the real estate company owning this lot agreed to an exchange of lots. This move gave Hope Church a much better location for their future church and school.

In order to grow and flourish a new mission must have a place of worship. Realizing this situation the Mission Board erected a portable chapel on the newly acquired lot at an approximate cost of \$2,100.00. This portable chapel was dedicated to its soul-winning purpose on the eighth of October, 1916, the day which marks the real beginning of Hope Ev. Lutheran Church. The dedicatory sermon for the occasion was preached by Prof. M. Sommer of Concordia Seminary and Rev. F. W. Weidmann acted as chaplain for the services. This portable chapel served Hope Lutheran Church as a church for nearly six years, and as a school up to the present time, when it had to be wrecked to make room for the new Hope Lutheran Church and School.

Under the guidance of Pastor F. W. Weidmann, students of Concordia Seminary took care of the services at the newly established Mission. The students chiefly interested in this work were Messrs.





A. Gebhardt, B. Hemmeter and H. Fehner. The Sunday School was opened on the Sunday following the dedication of the portable chapel, and it was presided over by Mr. Arnold Gebhardt, now a Missionary in China. Miss Marie Segedin has been active in Hope Sunday School continuously from the first year until now.

During the latter part of the month of January 1917, the Rev. M. Engel of Keokuk, Iowa, accepted the call to Hope Church and thus became the first resident pastor of the congregation. At the first meeting of the voters held on February 22nd, 1917, the Constitution of the new congregation was read and accepted by those present. The first list of voters includes the following names: Wm. H. Nobbe, Wm. F. Meyer, Paul H. Sander, Wm. F. Gruber, Wm. E. Eickhoff, Wm. C. Dahlke, Wm. Ulrich, Frank Dahlke, Henry Boecker and Andrew Segedin. At this meeting the name "Hope" was chosen for the new congregation in preference to "Faith" and "Good Shepherd."

The young congregation was enterprising. The enterprising spirit of the men forming the nucleus of a new Lutheran Zion was demonstrated by the appointment of a Building Committee in the third voters' meeting of the congregation. This Committee already at that time, recommended the erecting of a parsonage, but due to the fact that our country had become involved in the World's War, the matter was postponed until a later date.





Later Developments

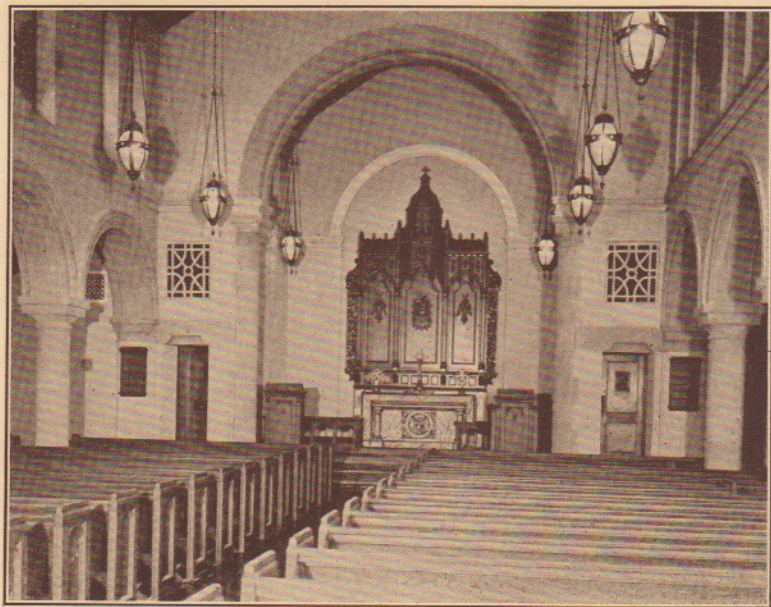
During the early years of the history of the church, progress was rather slow, but soon after the close of the World War quite a number of new members were added to the list and soon the congregation realized the necessity of building a parsonage and a church at the corner of Neosho Street and Brannon Avenue. In a meeting held on July 5, 1921, it was decided to build the parsonage. Mr. Ernst Hinrichs serving as architect and Mr. M. Fischer as builder.

During the course of this same year the congregation resolved upon the erection of a basement church in order to have larger and better facilities for the services of the congregation and the work of the Sunday School. The small congregation of less than 100 communicant members was able to carry out this rather ambitious plan, under the leadership of Pastor Engel, because of the cooperation of the Synodical Church Extension Board. The Church Extension Board assisted the congregation in the erection of both parsonage and basement chapel by substantial loans.

The basement chapel designed by architect A. Meyer, provided space for a congregation of 225 people and for a Sunday School of approximately 200 children. It also contained a kitchen for the Ladies' Aid, a small Mother's room and two other little rooms. This basement chapel was dedicated to the glory of God on April 27, 1922. In order to make room, the former church, the portable chapel, had been moved to the rear of the church property and was to be used for purposes of a Christian Day School upon direct request of the Mission Board.

Only a few months after the dedication of the new church the Rev. M. Engel received and accepted a call to Everett, Washington. The congregation thereupon called the present pastor as shepherd of the Southampton flock. The installation of the second pastor of Hope Church took place on the first Sunday in November, in the year 1922. The most important event of the following year was the establishment of a Christian Day School. It was in September, 1923, when a Christian Day School was opened by the pastor in the portable building, the pastor serving as instructor for the first year. Hope Lutheran Church thus joined the ranks of those Lutheran Churches which believe that only the best, daily training in God's Word is good enough for the Christian rearing of her youth.





Due to the fact that the neighborhood now began to develop very rapidly, and due to the fact that the congregation now had much more to offer people in its physical equipment, the congregation, the Sunday School, the Day School and the various organizations soon showed very fine progress. The membership of the congregation grew from a membership of 100 at the time of the dedication of the basement chapel, to a membership of 200, 300 and finally 400. The Sunday School doubled its enrollment a few years after the opening of the basement, and soon it became evident that the congregation must provide a larger church in order to take care of the needs of a growing congregation.



"Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness. Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth is mount Zion." Ps. 48.



"Lord, I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place where thine honor dwelleth." Ps. 26, 8.





Dreams and Plans

WHEN it became evident that the congregation must provide larger and better facilities, a Ways and Means Committee was appointed by the congregation to study the entire situation. This Ways and Means Committee first of all studied the financial situation of the congregation and it soon came to the realization that no program of development could be carried out until the property, especially the basement chapel, had been cleared of debt and for this reason the Committee made various recommendations regarding the finances of the church. The years 1927 and 1928 saw the congregation make strenuous and successful efforts to wipe out the remaining debt on the basement chapel, in order to enable the congregation to carry out its building program of the future.

Already in the Fall of 1927 a Building Committee consisting of Messrs. F. W. Meinert, A. J. Meinert, A. P. Kampmeyer, Arthur Augustin and Adolph Rathert, was appointed. Later this committee was augmented by the appointment of Messrs. Wm. Gruber, Ernst Hinrichs, A. S. Perkins, Harry Kirchhoff, H. F. Uffmann and H. H. Storck. This Building Committee interviewed a number of competent architects and finally engaged the services of Mr. Theo. Steinmeyer,

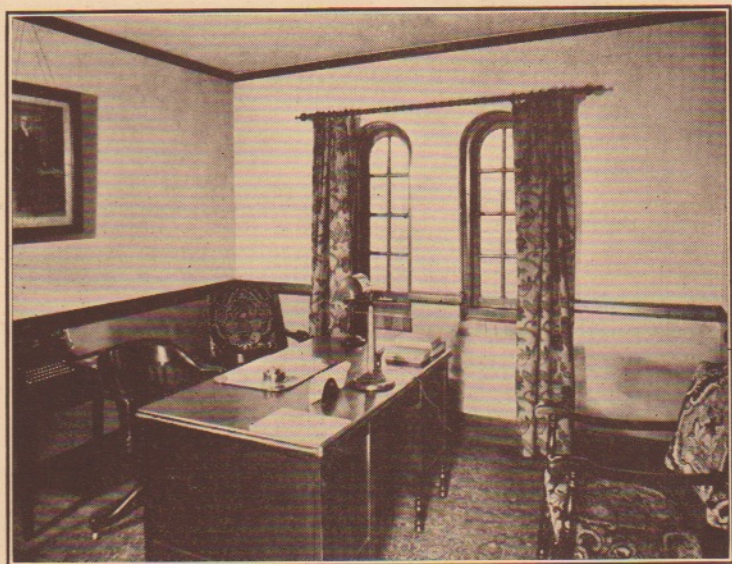




a fellow-Lutheran of this city to present preliminary sketches of the building program to be carried out. The first plans presented and adopted by the congregation included the erection of a church of Gothic design seating 500 people, and a school and hall, together with provisions for a bowling alley. This project was to cost no less than \$100,000.00.

Special efforts were made during the year 1928 and 1929 to secure building fund pledges and building fund contributions. After some time, the Building Committee realized that the first plans presented and adopted by the congregation were too ambitious for a congregation of the size and strength of Hope Lutheran Church, and for this reason the congregation instructed the architect, Mr. Theo. Steinmeyer, to present new sketches and plans for a church and school of simpler design and less expensive in cost. The new designs submitted provided for a church built according to the lines of Lombardy-Romanesque architecture, a departure from the usual style of architecture used for Lutheran churches, at least here in St. Louis. The new plan also provided facilities for the Christian Day School of the congregation, the Sunday School, the Young People and the Ladies' Aid. This plan was adopted in a meeting held on the second Monday of the month of December 1929.





God Gives Success

THE architect was instructed to proceed with the preparation of the plans and blue prints of the new church, and on the 27th of April, 1930, just seven years after the basement chapel had been dedicated, ground was broken for the new church. A few weeks later the basement chapel, which had foundations absolutely inadequate for a superstructure of a church such as was needed for the congregation under present circumstances, was wrecked, and on May 21st, 1930, building operations for the new church and school of Hope Evangelical Lutheran Congregation were begun. And God gave success. Today the new Hope Church and School can be dedicated. The Lord has signally blessed the humble efforts of His people and during the course of the entire building operation He has held His protecting arm over the entire project and over all active in the construction of the building, and thus today, Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church is able to dedicate unto the glory of God and for the services of mankind, its new and beautiful church and school. In looking back over the history of the congregation, in seeing the remarkable progress and growth of the congregation, in seeing especially at this time the splendid new church and school, we give all glory and thanks unto God and say in the words of the 115th psalm, "Not unto us, O Lord, Not unto us, but unto Thy Name give glory for Thy mercy and for Thy Truth's sake." Ps. 115, 1.





The New Building, Its Architecture and Symbolism

By Theo. Steinmeyer, Architect

IN 1922, Hope Congregation dedicated its basement chapel. Five years later definite steps were taken toward the completion of the superstructure. A comprehensive scheme of building in the Gothic style was evolved and was accepted by the congregation, but because of the cost involved, the project was not carried out. After two years, a more compact scheme was proposed and adopted. The new plan, though somewhat smaller, was more flexible in the combined use of its spaces, and was treated in a different style. The change permitted construction to begin at once.

Ground was broken on Sunday, April 27, 1930, and the basement chapel razed. After weeks of anxiety due to hazardous work of placing new foundations over a subterranean pond, the cornerstone was laid, on Sunday, August 10, 1930. Progress since then has been steady, and now the structure is completed and has been dedicated to the glory of God.

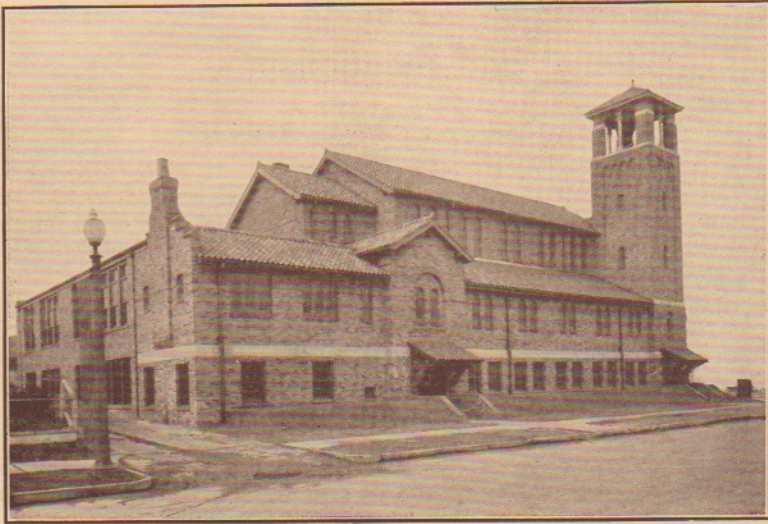
The building, with its furnishings, is a testimonial to the members of the congregation, who in love for their church, gladly subscribed for and gave small and large sums to make its erection possible. The committee, in whose care was entrusted the project, gave unstintingly of their time and talents. It was joyful work for those who with zeal wrought in design and craftsmanship.

Organizations within the church, and individuals, in addition to their obligations as members, have given liberally to equip and embellish the building. Having given these things to God, and not to fame, they did not inscribe them with their names.

The contract amount for the building proper was \$60,000. The entire cost, including \$7,500 for extra foundations, all equipment and furnishings, fees, etc., was slightly less than \$90,000.

Regardless of the means at hand, three things were sought after throughout the planning of the building: sincerity of construction; beauty—pleasing forms, colors and textures; and comfort—adequacy in the meetings of practical requirements. The treatment is an adaptation of the Romanesque style. This style predates the Gothic, and is a direct outgrowth of earliest Christian architecture. It is a fusion of the tastes of the rugged Germanic tribes with those of the





classic Romans, whose country they invaded. This type permits humbler materials, more color, and is more intimate than the Gothic.

The exterior walls are of variegated buff brick, with limestone trim. About the building, at points of interest, are imbedded tiles, emblematic of Christ, the Apostles, and the Church. The roofs are of Spanish tile. Its roofs, at various levels, gradually lead the eye upward to the cross, surmounting the open belfry of the tower, which dominates the approach.

Entering through the tower—one of the five entrances—one steps through a vestibule at grade level into a large coat room. From this room one reaches the narthex of the church above, by the stairway at one end, or steps down into the basement auditorium. The auditorium seats about 400, has a well arranged stage, with dressing and shower rooms. Throughout the building many closets and storage spaces are provided for the various organizations.

Another street entrance opens into a rear stairhall, which also leads down to the auditorium, the stage, another smaller meeting room, and the play room. This play room, 26x48 feet, is used by the Primary Department of the Sunday School, also as a recreation room for the young people, and as a dining room. Opening into it is a large and well equipped kitchen. Going up the stairway, we





find, at the head of the stairs, the pastor's study or office, and also a large and cheerfully furnished parlor. This room has an open hearth and serves for smaller meetings, classes and committees. In it is a large closet for the accommodation of sewing paraphernalia of the ladies. Adjacent to the chancel is a "Mothers' Room."

From the yard one reaches the rear or school entrance. From the vestibule a stairway leads to the basement play room, kitchen and heater rooms. The heater room houses the special type of warm air plant, the water heater, and the fuel room. At the head of this rear stairway is the school corridor, which leads to the toilet rooms, and two modern classrooms, each seating forty pupils of the Christian Day School. These rooms are well lighted and are equipped with ample blackboards, cases, and built-in ventilated wardrobes. This school portion of the building is planned and constructed for the future addition of a second floor.

The main entrance to the church is reached by two flights of stairs from the sidewalk. The heavy oak doors open into a spacious narthex, having tiled floor and timbered ceiling. At one end is the ushers' room and closet, at the other is a stairway up to the choir loft above the narthex. On this balcony is the large divided pipe organ, under full expression. In the projecting part of the balcony is the console, the organist facing the choir of fifty, seated on tiers between the organ chambers.

Between the narthex and nave is a glazed decorative wood screen, which may be entirely opened, accommodating thereby overflow seating of more than fifty in the narthex. The nave is a space fifty feet square, which is given churchly proportions by the introduction of arcades and piers of stone on either side, supporting thick clerestory walls. The space inside of piers is 27 feet wide and seats 300. The side aisles at either side accommodate 68 seats each. The nave is floored with a resilient composition tile and the timber roof construction is exposed, the trusses resting on stone corbels.

Throughout the interior the cross and the circle are much in evidence, the latter, never ending, is the symbol of eternity and perfection. These figures are forcibly evident in the leaded glass windows, which are made up of small bits of brilliantly colored antique glass, on amber fields.

All lines—the ornamental light fixtures, the square ends of the comfortable pews, carry one's eyes to the focal point, the altar in the chancel. The chancel is elevated three steps above the nave, from which it is separated by a lofty triumphal arch on piers of stone. At one side of the entrance steps is the low pulpit; on the other side,





the lectern and stone baptismal font. Ambulatories from the nave lead up to the smaller side portals of the chancel. The altar platform with the communion rail is elevated one step more. The chancel floor is carpeted.

The altar, around which the whole service centers, is a mute sermon in itself. The stone table has its top incised with five crosses, symbolizing the five wounds through which Christ's blood was shed for all. The altar front is framed by an engaged column at either end. Its center is richly carved in high relief, showing a mother pelican feeding her young in a nest, sustaining their lives by plucking into her own breast for blood, of which the young partake. This is one of the finest symbols of the Christian Church, bringing to mind that we have life eternal through the blood of Jesus Christ, shed by Himself, for us.

On the retable is a large crucifix, showing Jesus in atonement. At each side is a seven branched candelabrum, with seven wax tapers in living flames, being the symbol of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, through which we show our devotion, before this throne of God.

The reredos, or over-altar, which is to add dignity to the altar proper and glorify it, is in three divisions, being an altar to the Triune God. The Trinity is further symbolized by the central and main carving. Here in high relief is Christ, the Lamb of God, bearing the banner of victory. He stands upon the Bible, seven sealed, in which the Holy Ghost reveals Christ to us. And behind this is the sun, symbol of the Father and Creator, from which emanates rays of righteousness. Seraphims on each side, ever attending the throne of God, uphold shields testifying that Christ is the A and O, the beginning and end of all things. The top of the center of the reredos is truly throne like. The traceried canopy is surmounted by a crown on high, on which is an orb and cross, symbolizing that this is the throne of the King of all the earth and heaven, and that the cross has conquered the earth, and is over all.

At the sides and in the cresting of the reredos is entwined the vine and clusters of grapes, symbolizing Christ as the wine, and we as His fruit, clustered as congregations in unity. In the panels of the canopy are carved the rose, symbol of Christ and love.

This sanctuary is truly a shrine, before which one is brought to grace; where one may hear and meditate on God's Word; pray and praise; plight one's faith and love; and where one may long to be brought, when entering through it, as a gateway to the Heavenly Mansions above.





Message from the First Pastor

New Year's Eve, 1930
Berkeley, California.

Dear Members of Hope Church:

I certainly rejoice with you at having your hopes and dreams of many years realized so magnificently in your newly erected House of God which you intend to dedicate formally to the Triune God during the month of January.

The early days of organization presented the attendant difficulty of inculcating a proper spiritual conviction and of maintaining a soundly Lutheran, that means, Scriptural character. And it pleases me that you have jealously guarded these early principles of your foundation.

Your abiding in the truths of the Word of God the gracious Lord has most singularly blest. Numerically you have increased most astoundingly. And your spiritual advancement is convincingly evidenced by your splendid support of the kingdom of God, especially by the manner in which you ventured upon the erection of this your wonderful monument unto the Lord's salvation,—your new church. Rightly you dear Christians may exclaim with the psalmist, "The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad!"

My fervent wish and prayer is, that you may ardently continue to increase, both numerically and spiritually, abounding in pleasing virtues and gifts to the glory of our God and the salvation of many immortal souls in your community. And may you ever jealously guard and cherish the inexpressible sweetness of the saving and comforting Gospel of Jesus Christ, clinging to Him in life and in death, in order to live and reign with Him in the eternities of His own celestial home of the glories above. May we meet again there around that dazzling throne of the Lamb!

Rejoicingly and humbly I beg to remain,

Your former Pastor,

Martin Engel.





Message of Present Pastor



TO The Members of Hope Lutheran Church—Greetings:

As your pastor I rejoice with you today as you dedicate your new church and school and consecrate it to the very highest purpose a building can serve, to the service of God and for the proclamation of His Gospel. As your pastor, who had full opportunity to observe the wonderful blessings which God has bestowed upon Hope Church in the basement chapel, I feel confident indeed that this new church plant will mean very much for the future success of Hope Church.

It is my sincere hope that this new church and school has been erected by you, the members of Hope Church, as a monument of **gratitude** unto God, as an evidence of the gratitude that fills your heart as you think of the many material and spiritual blessings which the Lord has so bountifully showered down upon you for so many years.

It is my sincere hope that this new Hope Church has been erected by you **as a real place of worship**, as a place where Sunday after Sunday you will draw nigh unto your God, where Sunday after Sunday you will gather to receive new strength for the battle of life, new consolation in all your troubles, and above all new hope and new assurance in Christ, the Savior of the blessed life to come.

And finally, it is my sincere wish and prayer that this new church and school will serve **as a real inspiration** to all members of Hope Church. Especially do I hope that this new church will be a call to increased missionary activity unto all members of our church and that they will with new vigor and zeal compel the unchurched to come in, that God's House may be filled, that immortal souls may be saved and that His Kingdom may come.

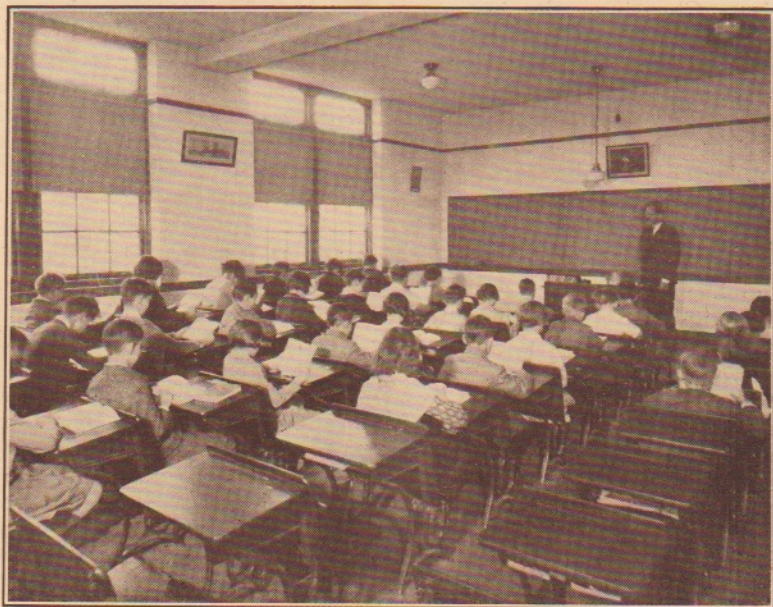
May our new church indeed be unto all of us, unto members and pastor, a monument of gratitude, a place of real worship, and a call to greater service.

Yours with a pastor's affection,

Alfred L. Roschke.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 12, 1931





Training Our Children in the Lord's Ways

FROM the days of Luther and the Reformation, the Lutheran Church has ever realized the great importance of Christian Education. Since the days of the great Reformer the Lutheran Church has stressed Christian training in the home, but also Christian training, thorough indoctrination, by the church, in the Christian Day School, in confirmation classes, in Bible Classes and here in this country in the Sunday School. Hope Church has endeavored to live up to the truly Lutheran standard of child training by establishing and maintaining all the agencies for Christian education mentioned above.

Our Christian Day School

Although the congregation could not establish a Christian Day School for her children during the early years of congregational existence because of lack of proper school rooms and because of other reasons, Hope Lutheran Church did establish such a school as soon as the Mission Board of the Western District had turned over the portable chapel to the congregation for school purposes. With an enrollment of about twenty children and with the present pastor





of Hope Church as the instructor, the Day School was opened in September 1923. In order to free the pastor for more direct missionary work the congregation resolved, after a few months time, to call a regular teacher. A call for a graduate of one of our normal schools failed and Rev. C. Dauemler served as temporary teacher from September 1924 to June 1925. For reasons of health, Pastor Dauemler could not return to the school for another term and then the congregation called our present teacher, Mr. R. M. Kuehnert.

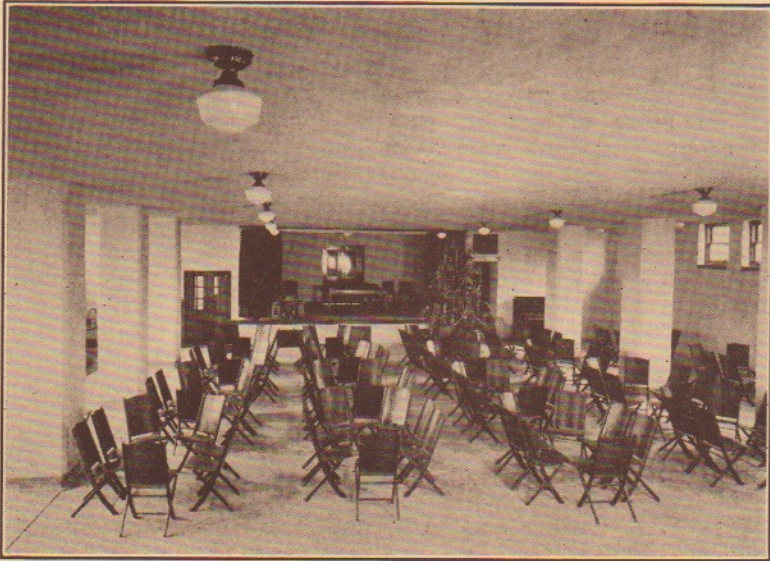
Under the faithful leadership of Mr. R. M. Kuehnert, our Day School has prospered. Although suffering from poor housing conditions, the school continued to grow, and after some time reached an enrollment of twice the number of the first enrollment. After three years of hard work, Mr. Kuehnert succeeded in having our school accredited by the Board of Education of St. Louis. And now, housed in the beautiful and well equipped class rooms of the new building, the Christian Day School of Hope Church has very bright prospects for a very good future. Within a reasonable length of time a lady teacher should be engaged and the second class room put to full use. The present members of the school board are Messrs. Andrew Segedin, J. T. Goodbrake, G. Weber, and L. C. Weiss.

Our Sunday School

The oldest organization within the church and the oldest agency for the training of the children in our congregation is the Sunday School. The Sunday School of Hope Church dates back to October 14, 1916. It was organized the Sunday after the dedication of the Portable Chapel with an enrollment of about twenty children. Since that time the Sunday School has steadily grown until it now numbers nearly 250 pupils and has a staff of forty officers and teachers. Members of the J. T. Goodbrake family and the Andrew Segedin family have been teaching in the Sunday School during all the years of its existence and at the present time no less than eight Sunday School teachers are members of the two families just mentioned.

Hope Sunday School has a Cradle Roll Department with Mrs. H. Steinmann as Cradle Roll secretary; a Primary Department with Miss Grace Goodbrake as superintendent, a junior department, an intermediate department, a senior and catechism department and a Bible Class Department. Mr. Herbert B. Roschke is superintendent of the Sunday School, Mr. J. E. Goodbrake, assistant superintendent, Miss Fannie Guenther, secretary, and Miss Marie Segedin, treasurer. All teachers regularly attend the weekly teachers' meeting conducted by the pastor and Mr. R. M. Kuehnert and most of them have at some time or other attended one of the Sunday School Teachers'





Institutes held under the Auspices of the Lutheran Sunday School Association of St. Louis. From the beginning Hope Sunday School has been a real missionary agency and many, especially of the younger members of the church, have been won for the church through the Sunday School.

Confirmation Classes

Each fall and winter season the pastor conducts two confirmation classes for children. The preparatory or Training Class meets twice a week and the confirmation class meets three times a week. Each year a definite portion of Luther's Catechism is studied together with Bible stories and related subjects. The confirmation class of 1931, numbering 26 children will be the largest confirmation class in the history of the congregation up to the present time.

Adult or Church Membership Classes

About twice a year the pastor organizes a Church Membership Class in order to enable older people to receive systematic training and instruction in the fundamentals of the Christian religion preparatory to full membership in the church. More than 100 adults have received the benefits of such classes and many of these people are now some of the most loyal and faithful members of Hope Church.





Our Societies and Organizations

EVERY well organized congregation of the twentieth century has a number of societies and organizations within the church, groups of people who have common interests and who band themselves together to carry out some definite phase of church activity and also to promote the social life and the spirit of fellowship within the church. Hope Church also has a number of these societies and organizations within the church, societies and organizations that have done a great deal to promote the interests and the development of the congregation in the past. Let us tell you a little more about the societies of Hope Church.

Ladies' Aid Society

The oldest society within the church is the Ladies' Aid. It was organized on March 18, 1917 with Mrs. Henry Boecker, president; Mrs. M. Engel, vice-president; Mrs. L. Simon, secretary-treasurer; and Mrs. Wm. Gruber and Mrs. Emma Krietemeyer as the visiting committee. During the nearly fourteen years of the existence of this society it has done very much to help the congregation financially, it has helped to promote the spirit of fellowship, and it has also done much for charitable purposes within and without the congregation.

Today the Ladies' Aid Society is larger than ever before, numbering 68 members. The first meeting of the year 1931 was attended by 48 members and four new members joined the Aid in this meeting. The special gift of the Ladies' Aid to the new church is the two manual Moeller organ costing \$4,500.00. Besides this the ladies furnished their new kitchen at a cost of about \$1,000.00. The present officers of the Aid are Mrs. J. G. Ernst Hinrichs, Mrs. C. Almstedt, Mrs. Harry Steinmann, and Mrs. G. W. Metzler.

The Young People's Societies

Soon after the organization of the congregation a senior young people's organization and later a junior organization were brought into life. Both of these organizations are affiliated with the International Lutheran Walther League, that splendid and aggressive young people's organization of the Synodical Conference of the Lutheran Church. As members of the Walther League these young people's groups have made it their objective to help keep the young people with their church, to promote Bible study and to train their members to become intelligent, active and consecrated members and workers of the church. Both the Senior Walther League and the Junior Walther League have done much for the young people of





the church and for the church as such. They have as Walther Leaguers taken active part in the large projects of this organization. The Special gift of the Senior Walther League to the new church are the light fixtures in church and school, costing nearly \$1,500.00, with installation. The Junior Walther League donated the 1,000 pound bell in our church tower, the first bell Hope Church is to possess. This bell costs \$400.00.

The present officers of the Senior Walther League are: Mr. Walter Storck, Mr. Peter Geist, Miss Gertrude Almstedt, Miss Edith Backer. During the coming year the junior society will be headed by Jacob Anton, Bernice Hill, Annette Ehrhardt, and Charlotte Moll.

Men's Club

About four years ago the men of the congregation felt the need of more social life among the men of the congregation and a Men's Club was organized. Our Men's Club has not been as large as it could have been, but it has nevertheless served its purpose. It was the Men's Club which successfully carried out a campaign for the purchase of a new automobile for the pastor as a fifth anniversary gift from the congregation. We sincerely believe that our Men's Club has a future and that it will grow and prosper. It is headed at the present time by Mr. Henry Pollak; Mr. Elmer Sieckmann is vice-president; Mr. Wm. Eickhoff, secretary; and Mr. A. Kruse, treasurer.

Choir

Already in the days of the first pastorate a Mixed Choir was organized at Hope Church, Pastor M. Engel serving as director. This choir has again and again beautified our services by special anthems. At the present time the choir is being directed by Mr. Homer C. Gruber, our organist. The president of the choir is Mr. H. B. Roschke, the vice-president Mr. S. Marshall, and the secretary Miss Adele Almstedt. With a new organ and much better acoustics, the choir should serve in a larger measure than before.

Altar Guild

Our youngest organization in the church is the newly organized Altar Guild. This Altar Guild, consisting of girls of the congregation of eighteen years and over, was organized to serve in the special capacity of keeping the chancel and especially the altar in perfect order, to place cut flowers on the altar, to make special altar hangings, etc. The organization will elect its first officers during the week prior to dedication.





An Appreciation

H OPE Evangelical Lutheran Church, the Pastor, the Teacher and all the members, and especially the Building and Finance Committee of the congregation, wish to take this opportunity to thank the architect, Mr. Theo. Steinmeyer; the general contractor, Mr. Henry Hinrichs, Jr.; and all the other artisans and craftsmen participating in the construction and furnishing of the new church and school for their excellent work.

The following contractors and firms have cooperated with us in publishing the souvenir dedication booklet:

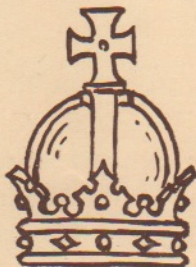
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Gifts	In Memory of	Given by
The Organ and Kitchen Equipment		The Ladies' Aid Society
The Altar and Chancel Furnishings		The Sunday School
The Light Fixtures for Church and School		Hope Senior Walther League
The Tower Bell		Hope Junior Society
The Stained Glass Windows		Mr. & Mrs. Henry Boecker & Mrs. K. Stollhoff
The Crucifix	Mr. Henry Sieckmann	Mrs. Henry Sieckmann and Family
The Candelabrum		Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kastroll
The Communion Veil and Linens		Mrs. Geo. Koenig
The Ciborium and Chalice Cup		Mr. & Mrs. F. W. Meinert
Vases for the Parlor		Mrs. Daniel Grau
Min-wax for Floors		Miss Fannie Guenther
Framed Pictures		Mrs. J. T. Goodbrake
Potted Plants		Mrs. Harry Steinmann
An Oil Painting "Mary and Martha"		Mr. Harold Wuebbens
Desk and Chair for Pastor's Study		Mrs. Wuebbens
One Communion Flagon	Mr. John G. Hinrichs	Mr. & Mrs. Phil Bitsch, Sr.
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Large Framed Picture "Jesus Blesses Little Children"	Little Ruth Flaton	Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Ernst Hinrichs
Altar Brass Book Rest and Vases		Mr. & Mrs. W. Ellerbeck
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Collection Baskets		Mrs. E. Hotz
		Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kirchhoff
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Our Officers and Committees

TO build a new church and school is a great task for any congregation. In order to complete such a task of great magnitude there is needed, next to the blessings of God, the loyal and untiring support of the entire membership of the congregation, and the willing and ready service of the committees in charge of the building operations.

The committees in charge of the building program, the congregation's officers, the building committee and the finance committee have worked very faithfully in the execution of their arduous task. They served to the honor and glory of their God, they served for the benefit of their congregation and they seek no personal glory. The congregation, however, is deeply grateful for all that these members of our church have done to make this our new church and school a reality and for this reason we inscribe their names in this booklet.

Officers of the Congregation

Fred. W. Meinert, President
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H. H. Storck, Treasurer

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