

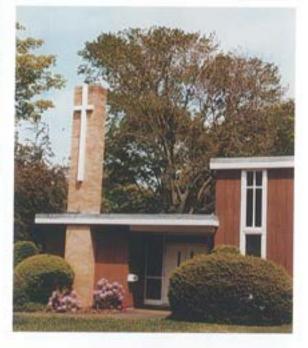
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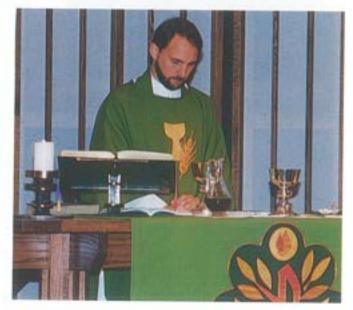
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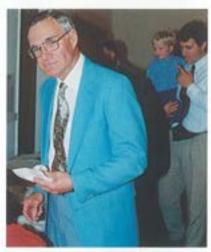
















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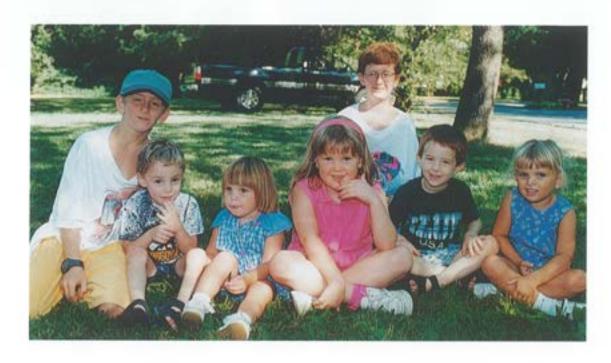
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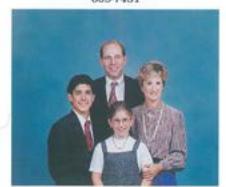
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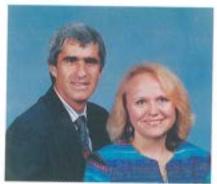
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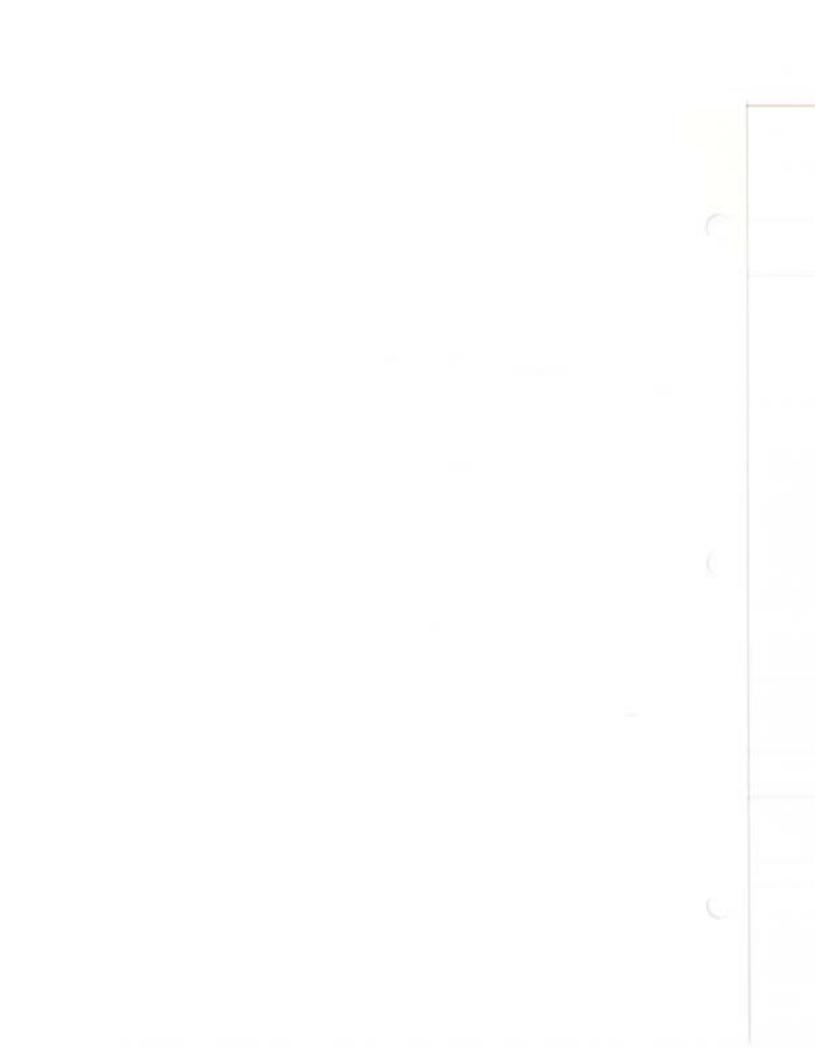
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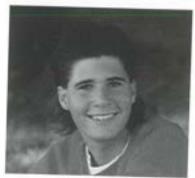


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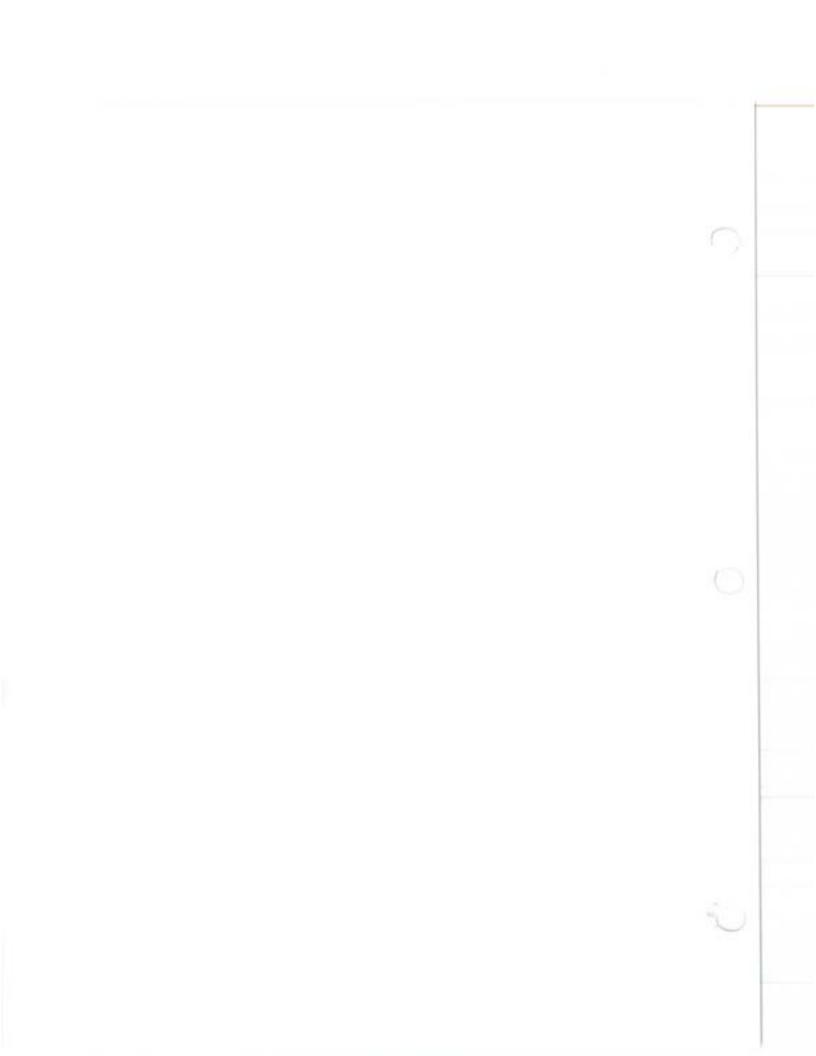
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ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Old Saybrook Connecticut

Supplement to the Pictorial Directory

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

The Story of ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

On October 16, 1960, 38 families signed the charter of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church and our church came into being at a special Organizational Service held that morning at the Old Saybrook Theater. Today we still have on our rolls 6 of those families: DYSON, EGELHOFER, FOWLER, FUSARI, GERBER and MAY.

To start from the beginning we must go back to 1958. The Rev. Paul Johnson was then the pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Centerbrook. He realized that he was beginning to have an influx of parishioners from the Saybrook area. The town of Old Saybrook was beginning to grow fast and he recognized the area as a potential mission. He spoke to several of his Saybrook members and predictably they were interested in a church in their home town. Thus, Pastor Johnson laid the groundwork for what was to become our church.

He rented the Masonic Temple in Old Saybrook for Sunday morning worship and divided his time between Trinity and the small band of parishioners in the Saybrook mission. There was much to be done. The immediate goal was to acquire a membership of 75 people. If this could be accomplished, the Augustana Lutheran Church would grant a charter and mission aid and a church could be born.

In 1959, Pastor Johnson left Trinity and the two parishes were served by seminarians from Yale Divinity School. There were many Sundays when the members themselves did the preaching. A slow beginning!

In 1960, with the help of the Augustana Lutheran Church, the present parsonage was purchased. This made it possible for seminarian, Ken Johnson and his family to spend the summer in Old Saybrook. Ken was a "live one" and expended all his energy getting the Saybrook mission on its feet. His efforts paid off, That summer the membership was raised to the point where the congregation could be organized. The Johnson family left at the end of that summer content in the knowledge of their "mission accomplished."

The Fall term of 1960 brought the Rev. Byron Swanson and his family to Yale Divinity School. Happily, St. Paul (by now we had chosen a name) was within commuting distance of Yale. This brought about a mutually rewarding situation. We provided a house and two congregations eager for a pastor. Pastor Swanson provided a service every Sunday, catechetical classes for our youth, and pastoral services when needed while he furthered his education at Yale. His wife, Cathy was invaluable to our women in setting up the LCW.

On October 16, 1960, the Augustana Lutheran Church granted us a charter and the congregation was organized. For two years we worshipped in the Masonic Temple. We had a "portable church". Rotating "set-up crews" arrived early on Sunday morning to put up the altar and arrange chairs. We had no storage privileges so everything was moved in and out every Sunday. In spite of this it was a good arrangement. The rent was well within our budget, the facilities were adequate for both Sunday School and church and the Masons were most affable landlords. Since we only rented the church for Sundays, all other meetings were held in our homes which members willingly volunteered for council meetings, choir rehearsals, LCW meetings, church suppers and lenten services. St. Paul was literally one big family of God! It was a blessing to eventually build our own church, but there was much to be said for the time when we were all constant visitors in each others homes. It is a part of our history fondly remembered by our early members.

At the end of the school year in 1961, Pastor Swanson and his family left and seminarian Peterson moved into seven rooms of luxurious emptiness for the summer of '61 while he supplied our pulpit. In the fall of that year, our third Johnson (count them), Pastor Stephen B. Johnson arrived and upon his ordination, became the first full-time pastor of St. Paul. Along with him came another asset, his wife Joan who proved to be invaluable to our choir, LCW and Sunday School. Their young daughter Julie was soon to be joined by Ralph and Beth.

The Johnsons were with us for five wonderful years. It was during Pastor Johnson ministry that the original church (currently our fellowship hall) was built in 1963 and the congregation doubled its membership. It was a sad day when he received and accepted a call to become the chaptain at Upsala College.

Late in the summer of 1966 we extended a call to the Rev. Norman E. Sutterlin. Here we must point out that up to this point we were sharing the services of one pastor with Trinity. Pastor Sutterlin accepted the call and served both parishes until 1968 when St.Paul had grown to the point where we required a full time minister. By mutual consent, Trinity and St. Paul decided to part company rather than merge and Pastor Sutterlin accepted a new call to serve solely the St. Paul parish.

Pastor Sutterlin's ministry was one of love and in his care the parish flourished. We celebrated our 10th anniversary as a vital, growing congregation. In September of 1973 we were stunned to learn that Pastor Sutterlin had suffered a heart attack We were determined not to let this be a set-back to the ministry of the church. We were sure our pastor would get well and meanwhile we would keep the church going in a fashion that would ease our pastor's mind, make him proud of us and speed his recovery. Everyone pitched in and the church functioned almost normally. Pastor Sutterlin gave us the supreme compliment by joking that he hoped the synod would never find out how well St. Paul was doing without him. But all did not go as planned. Pastor Sutterlin suffered two more heart attacks and died on March 7, 1974. The congregation mourned him deeply and he will always be a living, loving memory in the hearts of the older members of the congregation. His wife, Bea is still a member of St. Paul.

In September of 1974, the congregation issued a call to the Rev. Elwood O. Semmel. He became the pastor of St. Paul until his resignation in 1977. His ministry proved to be a set back to the church. For reasons we found hard to analyze, Pastor Semmel seemed to have a personality conflict with many of the members and this was reflected in the loss of a large portion of the membership and the financial viability of the church.

In an effort to restore unity and get the congregation moving once again in a more positive direction, the New England Synod appointed the Rev. Jay Tichenor as stated supply to serve the congregation on a part time basis until the time when we could once again call a full time pastor. Pastor Tichenor was the answer to a prayer. He served the congregation well and provided the stable atmosphere necessary to foster the healing of many wounds.

By May 1978, a pulpit committee was geared up and searching once again for a new pastor. Pastor Tichenor was high on the list of candidates, but he received a call to serve in the Central Pennsylvania Synod and regretfully took his leave in the summer of 1978.

By the fall, after interviewing many candidates, the pulpit committee was ready to recommend that we call the Rev. Rolf L. Hedberg. He accepted and was installed in December, 1978 as the fourth pastor of St.Paul. He came to us as a young, single man and devoted himself to the healing of what had become an ailing congregation. His gentle, reassuring ministry worked and St.Paul once again began to "gel" as a loving, caring community.

To the joy of the congregation he vacationed in the Holy Lands in February of 1981 where he met a girl from Brooklyn, N.Y. - Lois Leewe. The romance blossomed quickly and in short order we found ourselves celebrating - an engagement, a wedding on the front lawn of the church (with most of us in attendance) and subsequently the birth of Lars-Eric in 1982 and Maria in 1985...

Perhaps at this point it would be well to assess what had happened to St. Paul. At the organization of the congregation in 1960 the membership was recorded at 119 (75 adults and 45 children) and that figure almost tripled in subsequent years. Our loss of membership in the late 70's left us with but a small core of the faithful who were determined to keep St.Paul a viable congregation. The ministries of Pastor Tichenor and Pastor Hedberg began to turn the church around to the point where we had painstakingly recouped our membership only to what it was at our organization. There was still much to be done.

After 10 years of ministry at St. Paul, Pastor Hedberg accepted a call to St. Paul Lutheran Church in East Longmeadow in 1988. Once again the call process began. This time our goals were very different. The work of this call committee was clear. What we needed now was strong leadership with emphasis upon growing not only in numbers, but in faithfulness, spirituality, stewardship and caring. Pastor Lutz was the second and last candidate interviewed. He fulfilled the requirements we were seeking and it was our prayer that we would fulfill his requirements as a congregation that he would feel called to serve.

All went well. All is going well. Pastor Lutz accepted our call and began his ministry among us on Reformation Sunday, October 30, 1988. Now, my friends, we are enjoying and rejoicing in the midst of faithful years of mutual ministry.

We have grown!! Our membership has long past the 200 mark doubling what it was when Pastor Lutz arrived. Our Sunday School has quadrupled due to an influx of young families. And those young families worship together to the point where our altar rail is becoming too small to accommodate all the children that come forth for the Children's sermon. We have three adult Bible classes, two women's groups, many small groups (having dinner together, talking about marriage, talking about children, discussing the problems of single parents – to name a few), and several community groups using our building for their activities. Our pastor and our church are prominent in local affairs and at long last, the people of Old Saybrook know there is a Lutheran Church in town. Not only that but they know where it is and they are interested in what's going on there.

For all this we give thanks. We are thankful for our Pastor and for his supportive family, Janet and all the girls. We are thankful for every one of you, our dedicated church family residing under the only steeple in town. Praise be to God!



ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

PLANNING, CONSTRUCTION & RENOVATION PROGRAM 1984 THRU 1995

- OCTOBER 1984 A small group met with Mr. Lindgren, a well known church architect. He gave us some guidelines as to how to identify our needs and goals and how to go about making changes to the building.
- DECEMBER 1984 We met with Ron Fournier, Synod leader for Mission Development. He suggested establishing goals and how to go about implementing them.
- MARCH 1985 Church Council met with Ron Fournier at a retreat and identified priorities for St. Paul.
 - 1. Evangelism
 - 2. Youth
 - 3. Fellowship

Barriers were discussed that might hinder growth:

- 1. Our present location
- 2. Facilities
- DECEMBER 1985 Congregation decided to stay at present location Great Hammock Road and recommended investigating a plan to renovate or modify the present church including: chancel, sacristy, kitchen, access, heating and cooling, narthex, lighting and steeple.
- FEBRUARY 1986 Committee met Jack Reisch of the Synod Department for Church Building and Financing. He recommended that we do a selfstudy (Church and Community).
- DECEMBER 1986 Self-study completed. We met with Peter Nordgren, ELCA Staff Architect. He made suggestions as to how to renovate the old church and build a new sanctuary. We met with LLM to establish some financial guidelines if we decided on a building fund drive.
- We studied 8 to 10 variations as to how we could modify and add to our present facility. We reviewed land available and discussed selling some land. We decided not to.
- 1988 Committee became inactive while awaiting a new pastor.

- Planning Committee met 5 times and established 1 to 10 year plan. We also planned mission goals for St. Paul
- 1990 A Mission Statement was established.
- 1991 The congregation was asked to discuss future needs of St. Paul and it was moved to develop a strategy that would explore the possibility of renovating the present building or building new space (and purchasing a new organ) and then report to the congregation at the annual meeting in 1992.
- SPRING 1992 A Special Planning Committee was established to study community maps and Building Study and Finance Committees were established.
- FALL 1992 ELCA architect made first plans for addition and renovation. The members visited many area churches that had just completed building programs.
- Building Study, Finance, Publicity, Architect Review and Fund Raising Task forces worked throughout the year.
- OCTOBER 1993 The Building Fund Campaign raised pledges of \$187,000 to be paid over a period of three years.
- APRIL 1994 Herman Hassinger was hired as our architect.
- APRIL 5, 1994 Committees for the building program were set up—Plans and Construction, Furnishings and Equipment, Celebration, Special Groups and Memorials, Finance.
- JUNE 1994 We hired John Ojala as Construction Manager.
- JUNE 1994 GROUNDBREAKING!!!
- JUNE 1994 Congregation approved a Church Building Program of \$455,250.

DECEMBER 24, 1994 - FIRST SERVICE IN THE NEW SANCTUARY!!!

JANUARY 15, 1995 - DEDICATION OF NEW CHURCH AND RENOVATIONS!!!