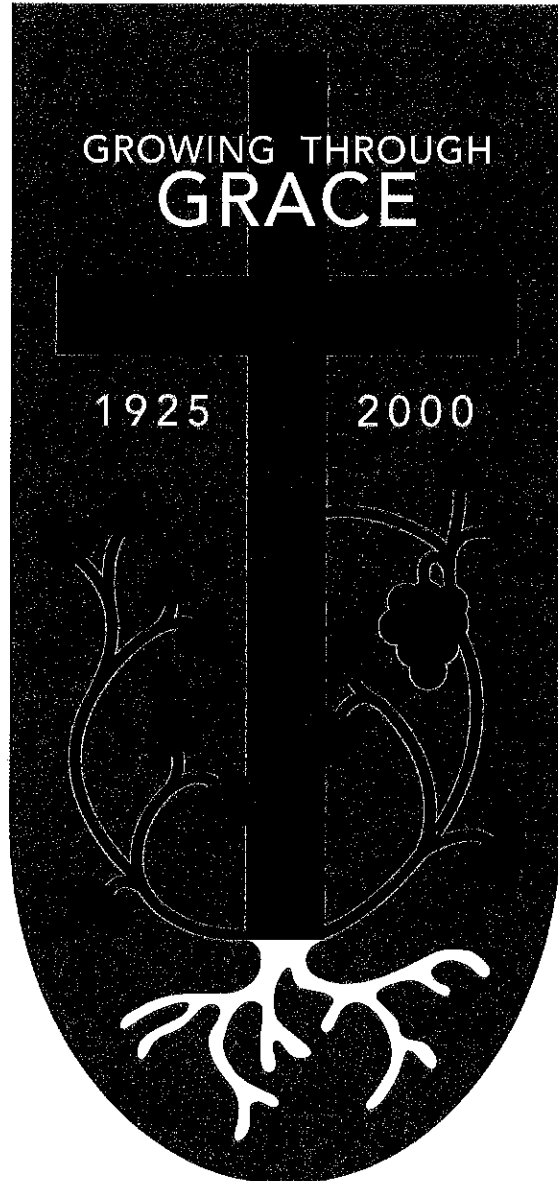
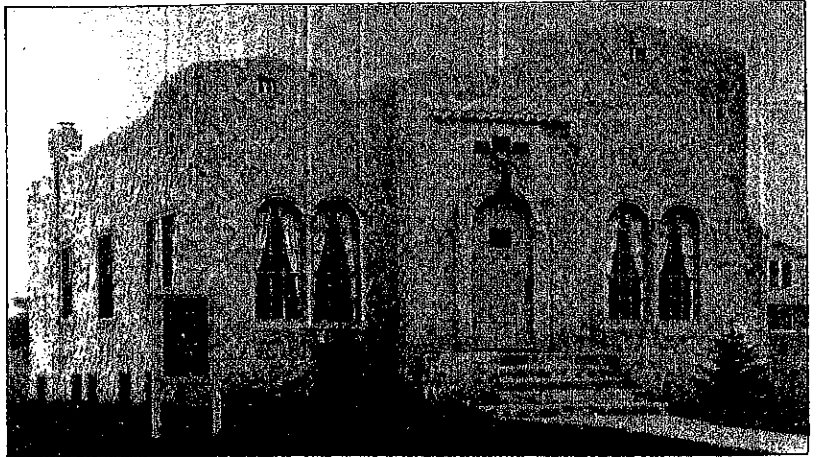


GROWING THROUGH
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Original Church—January 17th, 1926 to September 9th, 1951.



Walter R. Roehrs
June 27, 1926 - January 12, 1930

IN THE BEGINNING

The first divine service of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church of Western Springs, Illinois, was conducted by the Rev. Theophilus William Strieter in the Public School of Western Springs on the evening of June 26, 1925. The service was the realization of Pastor Strieter's missionary zeal. It was his personal conviction that Western Springs presented a field which promised a flourishing Lutheran congregation. Others also held this hope and among them were several Western Springs' families who attended Zion Lutheran Church of Hinsdale, Illinois, which Rev. Strieter was then serving as pastor. They rendered him their support and with Lutherans from neighboring churches, as well as some strangers, they attended the first service in the Western Springs Public School (now Grand Avenue School.)

At the end of the summer, a Sunday School was organized in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis H. Winkelman at 4384 Central Avenue, Western Springs. Mr. Winkelman served as superintendent.

On September 2, 1925 the Lutheran Mission Circle of Western Springs was organized in the Winkelman home. Mrs. L. Wilke became the society's first president and Mrs. C. Luebs, the secretary and treasurer. A charter and present member of Grace, Mrs. Ruth Keil joined immediately and in April of the next year, 1926, became president, replacing Mrs. Wilke who became ill and resigned. In March 1926 the society became Grace Lutheran Mission Circle (and in February 1960 changed the name to Grace Ladies Circle.)

Encouraged by the progress made, and also because of the unsuitable circumstances for public worship, Grace Lutheran Church was officially organized on November 15, 1925. The first move of the newly organized congregation was the purchasing of ground for the building of a church on the southeast corner of East Boulevard (Wolf Road) and 41st Street at a cost of \$2,300.00.

After the service on November 15, 1925, a business meeting was held. Reporting for the lot committee, Mr. Wilke stated that a down payment of \$200 had been made on the lot, that the entire price of the lot was to be \$2,300, that \$1,500 in time loans without interest were extended by several members and that the local bank would loan the rest of the necessary money. The constitution, as drawn up by Pastor Strieter, was read and carefully explained. It was accepted as written on the opening pages of the first official record book. All those who accepted it inscribed their names as members of Grace Lutheran Church, Western Springs, Illinois.

Dates are not recorded with the signatures, but it seems accurate that the original signers were - in this order:

1. Louis H. Winkelman
2. Louis F. Wilke
3. D. H. Hageman
Reinhold Neumann
Edward W. Neumann
Carl Piehl
Mrs. F. W. Hahn
Lulu Luebs
Clara Wilke

- Lillian Hageman
- Lydia Keil
- Ruth Piehl
- Anna Winkelman
- Charles Luebs
- Sophie Neumann
- Karen G. Jacobson
17. Barney Jacobson

The next signers were Joseph and Lillian Stapleton and Mrs. Schob, received as voting members on December 13, 1926.

The Preamble of the first Constitution stated:

"Since it is the will of our Lord and Master that all things should be done decently and in order (1 Cor. 14,40), we, the members of the Grace Lutheran Church at Western Springs, Ill., set forth the following principles and regulations which shall guide us in our church affairs."

FIRST CHURCH IS DEDICATED ON JANUARY 17, 1926

The first divine service was conducted on Christmas Eve, December 24, 1925 in the new house of worship just six months after the first service was held in the public school. Because of the extreme handicap of worship, exception was made to the general rule and this first service was held before the church was officially dedicated. Through the devotion and dedication of the charter members, the fast construction work, and the assistance of neighboring congregations and friends, the congregation was able to dedicate the new church on January 17, 1926.

Pastors Strieter and C. Abel of Elmhurst conducted the dedicatory service at 3 P.M. in the afternoon and Pastor A. D. Wangerin of Irving Park (for Pastor Alex Ullrich of LaGrange who was ill) preached at the evening service. Zion Lutheran Choir of Hinsdale and St. John's Lutheran Choir of LaGrange assisted in the services.

Assisting Pastor Strieter, in conducting the services in the new church, were several students of theology, among them Walter R. Roehrs who was then doing post-graduate work at the University of Chicago. On March 18, 1926, the congregation extended its first call to him as resident pastor. (Pastor Strieter was preaching on Sunday evenings twice a month and Walter Roehrs the other Sunday mornings. Sunday School was held each Sunday at 9:30 A.M.) Candidate Roehrs accepted the call and on June 27, 1926, one year after the first service held by the congregation, he was ordained and installed at an impressive service conducted by his father, the Rev. H. Roehrs of Immanuel Lutheran Church of Proviso.

The first baptism recorded in the congregation was that of Wendell Ulrich on June 6, 1926. He is still an active member of Grace.

Under the leadership of Pastor Roehrs the congregation flourished and grew in number. It was at this time that the Mission Board of the Northern Illinois District granted the congregation's request for financial assistance. Pastor Roehrs was keenly interested in a Christian Day School for the children of the congregation but since circumstances did not permit this, he made arrangements with St. John's Lutheran School of LaGrange for the training of the children there. A young people's society was also organized.

At a meeting on March 12, 1928 a resolution was adopted that Grace officially join the Missouri Synod.

On January 12, 1930 Pastor Roehrs preached his farewell sermon to the congregation he had served faithfully for three and one-half years. He accepted a call to teach Hebrew and German at St. Paul's College at Concordia, Missouri.

GRACE ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Cor. East Blvd. and 41st Street
Rev. W. R. Roehrs, A. M., Pastor
Phone Western Springs 1202
4381 Central avenue.

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Divine services: 10:45 a. m.
Sunday school: 9:30 a. m.
Sermon on Sunday: "Unanswered Prayers."

The Y. P. S. has planned a hike on Saturday, Sept 22.

The Mission circle will visit the Industrial school for boys and girls at Addison on Wednesday, Sept. 19 in place of having its regular social meeting at the church. Cars will leave the church at 10:30 a. m. All ladies are welcome.

There will be a special meeting of the congregation on Tuesday evening, at 7 p. m. to receive the report of the organ committee.

W.S.T.M.F.S. — 9-14-1928

**GRACE CHURCH HOLDS
THIRD ANNIVERSARY**

Grace Lutheran church celebrated its third birthday Wednesday, Oct. 17, with a party at the church. The ladies' aid were the sponsors. Sixty were present, including friends from Hinsdale, LaGrange and Brookfield. Games were played and prizes awarded.

Refreshments of sandwiches, cake and coffee were served. *Times 10/19/28*



Herman C. Seitz
February 9, 1930 - December 18, 1945

On December 30, 1929, the second call of the congregation was extended to Rev. Herman Christian Seitz, who was then serving St. Paul's of Ponchatoula, Louisiana. On February 9, 1930 he was installed by the Rev. Ernest Kavasch of Westmont, assisted by Rev. Alex Ullrich of LaGrange, president of the Northern Illinois District, and Rev. Otto Heerwagen of Immanuel Church of Proviso.

The progress which marked the first years of the congregation's existence continued because of the faithful work of members of the church. Through the years the Mission Circle continued to play an important role in the activities of the church. A Men's Club was organized. A regular choir was organized and continued to assist in beautifying the church services. Grace Lutheran Day School was opened in September 1933. The first five grades were included in the curriculum. Higher grades were added in the subsequent years. The Educational Society gave the school devoted support financially and morally. Pastor Seitz taught the school for more than ten years.

The Tenth Anniversary was celebrated on January 26, 1936 with a special service at 3 p.m. Rev. T. W. Strieter, who had moved to Evansville, Indiana, and Prof. Walter Roehrs preached the sermons at the two services of the day. Grace Choir, under the direction of William Bresters accompanied by Miss Carolyn Winkelman sang.

LUTHERAN CHOIR IS ORGANIZED FOR YEAR

Rehearsals Are Started by
Wm. Bresters, Director,
for Easter Cantata

W. S. Times 1-4-35

The choir of Grace Lutheran church was organized in its last meeting with L. H. Winkelman as chairman of meetings; Mrs. B. Jacobsen as secretary-treasurer; and Miss Elonor Rath as librarian.

For several weeks the choir has rendered beautiful and appropriate selections under the direction of William Bresters, with Miss Carolyn Winkelman accompanying at the piano. The outstanding work of the choir was the presentation on the Sunday before Christmas of "Yuletide Memories," a Christmas cantata.

Rehearsal of an Easter cantata will soon begin in addition to the study of selections appropriate for the Lenten season.

The Boys' chorus which took part in the Christmas cantata is to be merged into a larger junior choir consisting of boys and girls. They will rehearse on Saturday afternoons under the direction of Mr. Bresters.

REUNION SERVICE AT GRACE CHURCH

Five Confirmation Classes to
March in Procession on
Sunday Evening

W. S. Times 4-26-35

The annual reunion service will be held at Grace Lutheran church in Western Springs Sunday, April 28, at 8 p. m. The Rev. H. C. Seitz, pastor of Grace church, will preach the sermon.

The last five confirmation classes will march in the processional. A roll call will be taken including Alfred Brophy, Helen Winkelman, Glenn Ulrich, Robert Kohlman, Roman Rath, Ruth Grachling, Lois Hahn, Jeanette Hageman, Ruth Maves, Glenn Mayo, Elonor Rath, Norman Ulrich, Emma Winter, Mary Brophy, and Dorothy Hahn.

Adults confirmed during the last five years include Walter Mayo, John Edwards, Iva Bandelow, Charlotte Bandelow, Irene Posschl, William Bresters, Mrs. William Bresters, and Leslie Nicklin.

A parsonage was purchased in 1939 at 4041 Johnson Avenue at a purchase price of \$5,565 and the final payment was made in 1944. The final payment was made on the mortgage held on the church and land in 1942. The congregation became self-supporting in 1944, no longer needing District support.

Grace Women's Club was formed in 1944, its constitution was approved by the voting assembly in December 1945.

Looking to the future needs of the congregation, the 80 foot lot adjoining the 90 foot lot on which the church was located was purchased at a cost of \$1,353.

The congregation was shocked by the sudden death of Pastor Seitz on December 18, 1945 at the age of 41 years. He suffered a heart attack in the midst of preparations for the Christmas season. The funeral service was held at the church on December 20, 1945.



Randolph E. Mueller
May 19, 1946 - May 26, 1949

The Rev. Randolph E. Mueller, who was serving a church in Columbus, Indiana, was called on April 4, 1946 and was installed at an afternoon service on May 19, 1946, followed by a reception at the Village Club in Western Springs. He served Grace until May 26, 1949 when he accepted a call to the congregation at Spencer, Wisconsin.

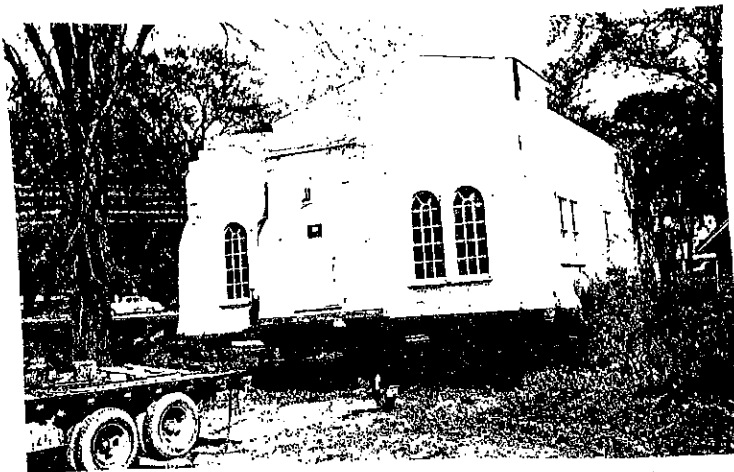
Plans for a new building were progressing. A "New Building Fund" was set up in 1948 and in 1949 the building was renovated. A new organ and pews were purchased. The Christian Day School was discontinued.

The 25th anniversary of the founding of the congregation was celebrated on November 12, 1950 in two special services. The founding pastor, the Rev. T. W. Strieter of Chicago preached at the 11 a.m. service and the first pastor of Grace, Prof. Walter Roehrs of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, preached at the 4 p.m. service. A dinner followed at the Village Club in Western Springs.

The Rev. Arthur E. Bohlmann of West Point, Nebraska was called on October 10, 1949 and installed on November 13, 1949. A new Steering Committee and a new Building Committee were established in June of 1950 to continue plans for a new building. Estimating the cost of \$85,000, commitments were secured from the Church Extension for a loan of \$25,000 at 1% plus a loan of \$50,000 at 4% for 10 years from the Aid Association for Lutherans. The estimated cost was revised upward in 1951 to \$120,000. A bid of \$139,000 was received in August of 1951 for the plans as drawn up. These were modified to a cost of \$125,000 with construction to begin in September. (In June of 1951 there was \$30,000 on hand in the building fund.) The ground-breaking service was held on September 9, 1951. Since the new church was to be built on the same site as the old church, immediately after the ground-breaking the building was moved to the southeast corner of Burlington and Central Avenues in Western Springs where it has been used ever since as the meeting place of the local American Legion Post.



Arthur E. Bohlmann
November 13, 1949 - May 1, 1969



Wins Honor For Story of 'Late Church'

An unusual feature treatment of a story of the moving of the Grace Lutheran church to its new location for the week as a Legion hall recently won recognition for Judy Steffen of Western Springs, a sixth grade student at McClure school, as "Reporter of the Week" on the school time program over WLS.

Judy, the 11-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Steffen, 4107 Linden ave., wrote an article entitled "The Church That Was Late." The story was read over WLS Monday, Oct. 22, after it was selected from among many articles submitted to the station from sixth grade boys and girls throughout the middlewest.

Here's the human interest story which won honors for Judy:

You have heard of people who are late to church but have you ever heard of a church that was late?

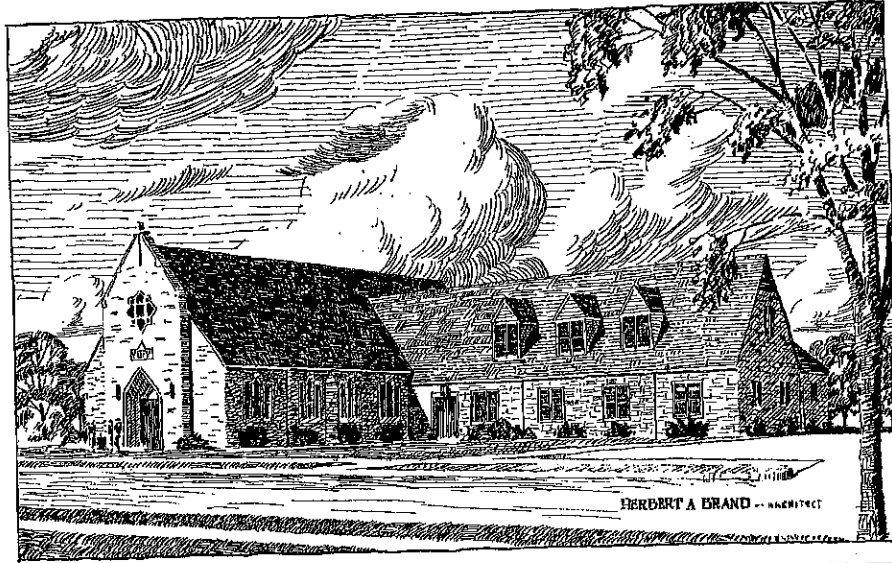
The Grace Lutheran Church of Western Springs was a day late last week. Since the congregation had decided to build a new church, the old church building was sold to the American Legion, who started having it moved on October 10, 1951. They were to cross the Burlington railroad tracks in the morning of that same day. But trouble started.

First the church got caught between two trees, and then big tree limbs spreading over the street held it back until the limbs were sawed off.

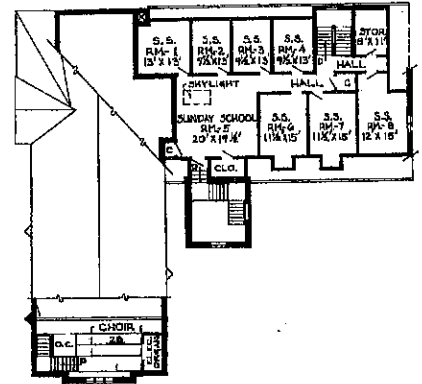
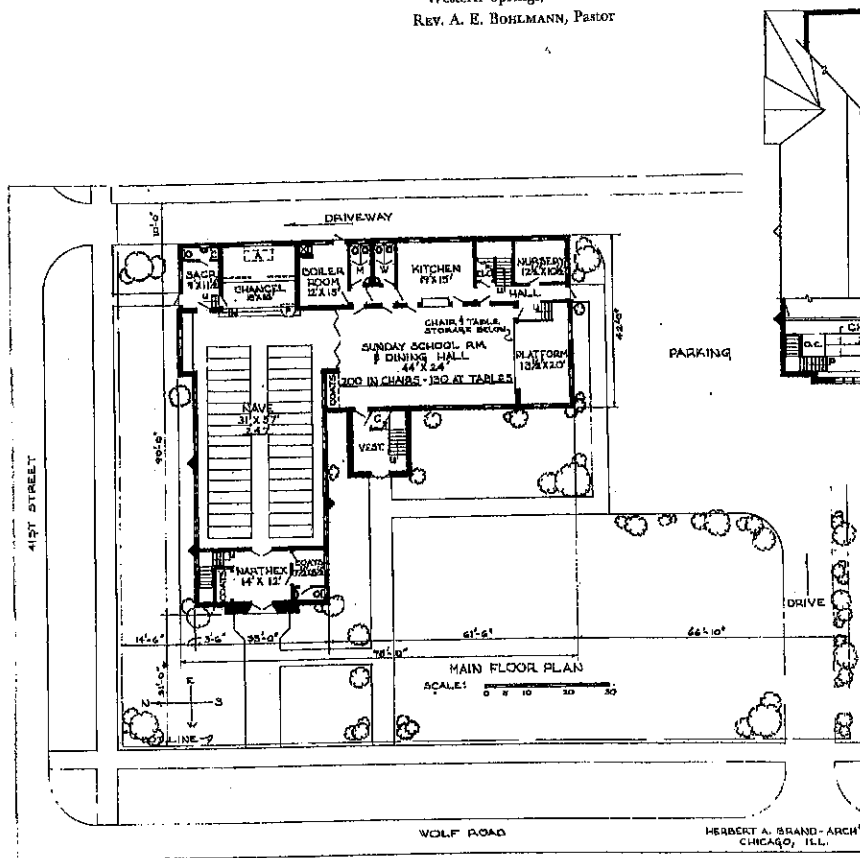
The little church finally reached the railroad tracks about three blocks away, at 8 o'clock that night. At 10 o'clock in the morning on the next day it crossed the tracks on the way to its new home but one day late.

Church services and Sunday School were held at McClure School gym while the new church was under construction - approximately 18 months. Confirmation classes were held in one of the classrooms at McClure School and all meetings were held in the homes of members. The Cornerstone-laying Service was held on the afternoon of March 23, 1952;- the Rev. Theodore Nickel, pastor of Jehovah Lutheran Church, Chicago, and the first vice-president of the Northern Illinois District preached the sermon.

The New Grace Lutheran Church



Forty-first Street and Wolf Road,
Western Springs, Illinois
REV. A. E. BOHLMANN, Pastor



HERBERT A. BRAND - ARCHT.
CHICAGO, ILL.



Ground Breaking Ceremony next to the old church building on September 9, 1951. Bill Mueller, Chairman of the Building Committee and Rev. Arthur Bohlmann.



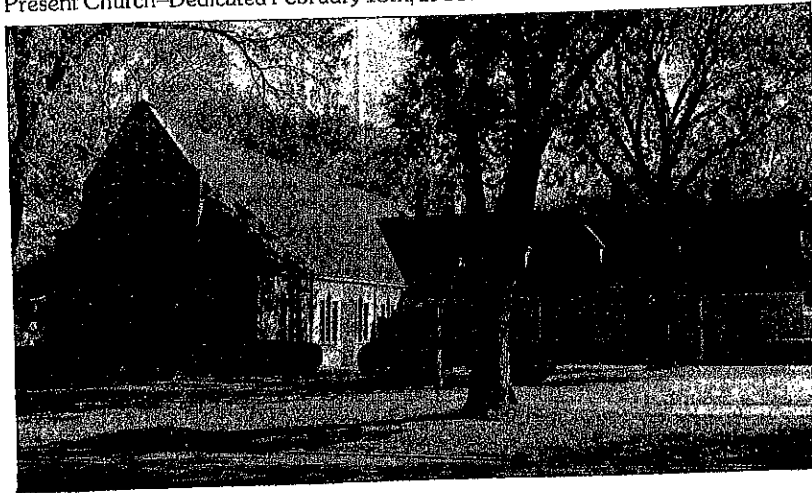
Louis "Pop" Winkelman, who helped organize Grace congregation and Sunday School in his home in 1925 with Pastor Arthur Bohlmann.



The new church building in progress. A Cornerstone Laying Service was held March 23, 1952. It is on the northwest corner of the church dated 1952 and contains a metal box holding a Bible, church papers, list of names of members and Sunday School students.

Grace joined with other churches in the area in January 1951 to begin the West Towns Daily Chapel—conducted on a LaGrange radio station, WTAQ, each weekday morning at cost then of \$2.25 per week per church. Ten churches participated.

Present Church—Dedicated February 15th, 1953.



NEW CHURCH IS DEDICATED ON FEBRUARY 15, 1953

On February 15, 1953, the new church building was dedicated to the glory of God. The rite and morning service were conducted by the Rev. Arthur E. Bohlmann, pastor. In the afternoon a Festival service was held and the Rev. Dr. John W. Behnken, president of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod preached. The total cost to complete the new church was \$175,000.

Festival services were held on the anniversaries of the dedication. On the first anniversary, Student Ralph A. Bohlmann preached the sermon; on the fifth, the Rev. Arthur Werfelmann, president of the Northern Illinois District preached; and on the tenth in 1963 the Rev. Theodore Nickel preached.

On September 20, 1953 the 25th anniversary of the ordination of Pastor Bohlmann was celebrated at an evening service and reception.

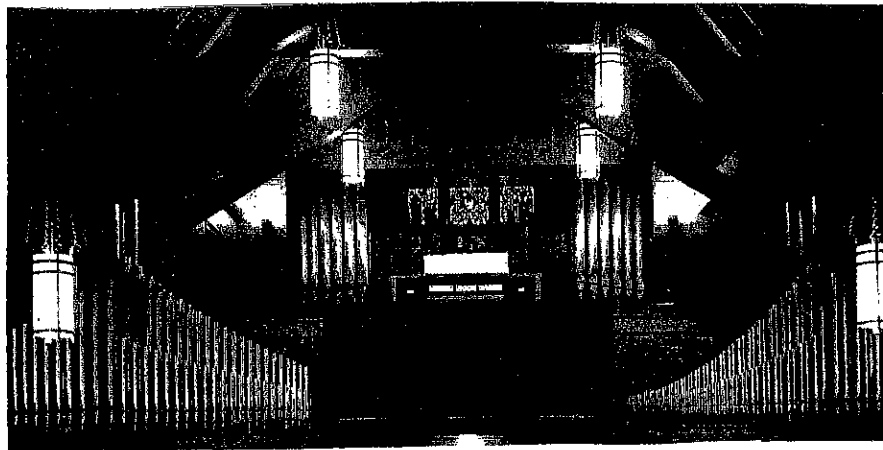
A vesper service and reception was held on October 13, 1957 to honor Ralph Bohlmann, son of the pastor, who had graduated from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, and was the first from Grace Church to complete preparation for the ministry. His brother Victor A. Bohlmann was ordained into the ministry on June 25, 1961 in an ordination service at 4:30 P.M.

FINAL PAYMENT ON MORTGAGE IS MADE ON OCTOBER 8, 1961

On October 8, 1961 the final payment on the mortgage of the new church building was marked with a "Debt Retirement Thanksgiving Service" and a special offering on that day for the Church Extension Fund that others might thus be aided in the building of new churches. In November of 1961 the parsonage at 4041 Johnson was deeded to Pastor Bohlmann.

The property to the south of the church parking lot was purchased in February 1965 for \$23,000. It included a house which was rented for several years, but razed in 1970 preparatory to adding to our parking facilities.

The 40th Anniversary of the congregation was celebrated in 1965, using the theme "Thanking God for 40 years of Grace - A Mission Opportunity in our Midst." As a tangible expression of mission outreach, \$4,000 was given to the Northern Illinois District Church Extension Fund to aid in the establishment of new congregations throughout the district and the members participated in canvassing and youth contact with a newly-formed mission in Hampton Park. David Keil and Arthur Winkelman, whose families were charter members, were active on that committee.

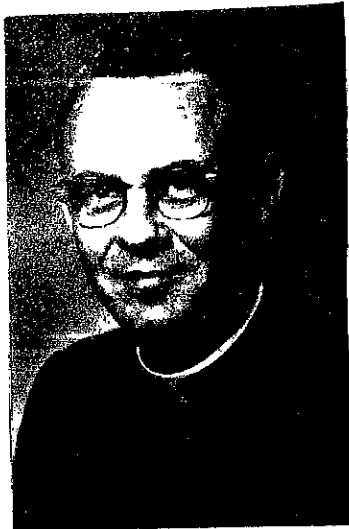


A Casavant Pipe Organ was installed in 1968 with remodeling necessary in the rear of the narthex. The balcony was extended to accommodate the organ and pipes. Two cryrooms and a washroom were added. The total cost for the organ and remodeling was \$50,000.

ORGAN DEDICATION CONCERT BY THOMAS E. GIESCHEN
SUNDAY, MAY 5, 1968 4:00 P.M.

On August 21, 1968 the congregation took part in the celebration of Pastor and Mrs. Bohlmann's 40th wedding anniversary. On August 25th at an afternoon service, the 40th anniversary of his ordination was celebrated by the congregation. His sons, Dr. Ralph Bohlmann of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, and Prof. Victor Bohlmann of Concordia Seminary, Springfield, Illinois assisted in the service; the Rev. Erwin Paul of Forest Park preached the sermon.

Pastor Bohlmann retired from full-time ministry on May 1, 1969. The congregation had a farewell-testimonial dinner on Sunday, April 20th following his farewell service and sermon that morning. He and Mrs. Bohlmann moved to Springfield, Missouri, where he assisted the pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church until returning to the Chicago area in 1974. He was active in the area, preaching often, until his death on May 15, 1975. **His funeral service was held at Grace on Saturday, May 17, 1975.**



Robert B. Ehlers
August 31, 1969 - August 31, 1989

In July of 1969 the Rev. Robert B. Ehlers of Our Redeemer, Sheboygan, Wisconsin was called and was installed as pastor of Grace on August 31, 1969. Needing a parsonage, the house adjoining the property at 4113 Wolf Road (at 4121 Wolf) was purchased for \$36,250. An addition and remodeling was completed in 1974 at a cost of \$11,000.

The following year the house at 4113 Wolf was demolished so that a parking lot could be extended to cover that area. In order to give financial aid to students at the Concordia Seminaries and College at River Forest, a Memorial Scholarship Fund was established. In 1971 a new Constitution was adopted and amended in 1972-73 to allow women voters and officers (except the Office of Elder). The underfloor heating was replaced with baseboard heating in 1969 and the Sanctuary was refurbished for celebration of the 50th Anniversary.

The 25th anniversary of Pastor Ehlers' ordination and the 25th wedding anniversary of Pastor and Mrs. Ehlers were celebrated by the congregation with a special service on June 11, 1972 followed by a dinner. The Rev. Norbert Meyer preached the sermon at the service.



The 50th Anniversary special service celebration was held November 17, 1975 with guest speaker Dr. Ralph Bohlmann. A Thankoffering of \$5000 was collected for a chapel building in India where Rev. Herman Otten was missionary pastor. (Rev. Otten was a classmate of Pastor Ehlers and later spoke to the congregation when he returned from India). In addition to this Thankoffering, monies were collected to set up the Grace Benevolent Fund for emergency aid to members.

In 1979 all the stained glass windows were covered with Lexan to prevent outside damage. 1981 the hymnals were replaced; 1982 wooden crosses were placed on the face of the pulpit and lectern in memory of Arthur Winkelman; 1985 an individual communion set memorial by Norma Kramer and office equipment and Parish Hall tables in memory of Ann Nemece were received.

After 20 years of service to Grace including special training in marriage counseling, instructing teachers for the Bethel Bible series and working on committees for adult education and stewardship, Pastor Ehlers gave his farewell sermon August 27, 1989. A dinner was held at Katherine Legge Lodge to honor his retirement and move to Michigan.

Pastor John Carrier, Associate Pastor at Immanuel, Downers Grove, was called and installed on April 8, 1990. The Youth Group was revitalized during his ministry.



John S. Carrier
April 8, 1990 - May 19, 1996

On November 18, 1990 the church celebrated its 65th Anniversary with the Rev. Victor Bohlmann (a son of the Rev. Arthur Bohlmann and who was ordained into the ministry at Grace by his father June 25, 1961) as guest speaker. A reception was held in the Parish Hall following the service.

During that year the Environmental Protection Agency required the church to remove an old underground fuel-oil tank violating new environmental regulations. The old tank had been used to fire up the furnace before it was possible to get electric heat. The only problem was the dent put into the church budget.

Memorials were received in 1991 from the families of Eleanor and Dee Rath and Clara Novak. A Baldwin Electronic Piano was purchased in memory of Carlyle Abel, our organist and choir director for many years. 1992 Carl and Ruth Heinecke donated the Eternal Light above the Lectern. May 7, 1995 a set of Handbells were dedicated in memory of Raymond Haas. During this period special funds were received in memory of Mildred Kaspar, Wilbert Mueller, Edna Johnson, and a pair of handcarved wooden angels placed on the balcony.

On May 1996 Pastor Carrier gave his farewell sermon and left to accept a call to First Immanuel, Chicago. A luncheon was held in the Parish Hall after that service.



Sidney J. Frazen
June 1, 1996 Interim August 17, 1997

Rev. Sidney Frazen, recently retired and a new member of Grace graciously served as Interim Pastor from June 1, to August 17, 1997. A large inviting plaque -WELCOME GOD LOVES YOU - was placed above the entrance doors to the nave of the church, a gift from the Frazens.

New Altar Paraments with matching Stoles were ordered in memory of Elsie Steffen and also a new Computer System installed in the church office. A Funeral Pall in memory of Robert and Elsie Steffen was placed in service in 1997.

A legacy from the estate of Frances Steffey allowed the installation of air-conditioning to the church and hall. Funds were also used for new hymnals and a new kitchen stove.



Mark A. Lundgren
August 17, 1997

A call was issued to Rev. Mark Lundgren of Bethel Lutheran, Chicago. The Installation Service was held at 4 pm August 17, 1997 with guest preacher Rev. Richard Howard, who had presided at the Lundgren's wedding a year before. A reception was held in the Parish Hall after the service.

After Pastor Lundgren arrived, the congregation re-formed its Evangelism Committee and surveyed its membership to see what events and activities would be of interest to them. An annual spaghetti supper, open to the community, was begun with over 300 people taking part each of the last 3 years. Other activities that came out of this survey were a weekly craft night, a monthly game night, the reforming of the Youth Group, and various congregational outings to baseball games and museum exhibitions. Over 30 people joined the congregation during this time. Worship attendance has increased 10% each year, and Adult Bible Class participation has doubled on Sunday mornings. The Vacation Bible School program was also re-started after several years without one. The church's budget has increased with all these changes, and the giving has risen to meet the need.

The 75th Anniversary Year of Grace began with a Confirmation Class Reunion on June 18, 2000 at a 9am Festival Service with the Rev. Bill Ameiss, President of the Northern Illinois District of the Lutheran Church as guest speaker. Following worship a brunch was held at Drury Lane with 91 confirmands and guests in attendance.

The second festival event is our Celebration Banquet on the 4th of November at 5pm at the Chantilly Banquet Hall, La Grange with the Walther Lutheran High School Christian Ministrals vocal music.

The 75th Anniversary Worship Service is November 5, 2000 at 10am with President Emeritus of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, Reverend Doctor Ralph Bohlmann as guest preacher. A Fellowship hour will follow in the Parish Hall.

The congregation has set a Thankoffering goal of \$10,000 for Walther Lutheran High School, Melrose Park IL and \$5,000 for Concordia Seminary, St. Louis MO.

As we celebrate our Anniversary this November, we look forward to welcoming still more new members later in the month, as well as publishing a new church brochure and directing more efforts toward outreach. We are truly *Growing Through Grace*.

SOLI DEO GLORIA !

Our 75th Anniversary Banner is based on Jesus' words in the first part of John, Chapter 15 verse 5 where He states: "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in me and I in him will bear much fruit, for apart from me, you can do nothing."

It seems appropriate to symbolize our Grace Congregation as the green vine firmly rooted in God's love — a love that gave His only Son to be our Savior. White is the color used to signify God's holiness and purity.

The cross of red reminds us of that sacrifice — the blood that Jesus shed on the cross for our redemption.

As we experience God's grace, we are to continue to grow in our faith and love as we reach out to others. The green color of growth and renewal along with the heart-shaped leaves and purple fruit-of-the-vine portray our Growing Through God's Grace.

These symbols are placed on a blue background, the color of heavenly love and truth. The anniversary numerals are golden-yellow to indicate the value or worth that we, the family at Grace, experience through the years as we grow in joyous and loving fellowship with God.

Soli Deo Gloria!

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