

***HISTORICAL TIMELINE OF ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL. LUTHERAN CHURCH  
SOUTH HAVEN, MICHIGAN***

*(Dating for the early history of the congregation is somewhat conflicting)*

**1870-80** - Many German immigrants began arriving in South Haven and adjacent townships in Van Buren County.

**1881** - First German Lutheran church in Van Buren County built in Covert Township and named St. John Lutheran Church.

**1883** - At the request of a small group of German Lutherans, the first preaching services were held at the Free Methodist Church on Broadway by Pastor Albert Schoenberg of Kalamazoo. First resident pastor was Pastor B. Merz who also served St. John of Covert.

**1884** - Pastor G. Wenning was installed as pastor while Pastor Merz remained pastor at Covert. St. Paul congregation is officially organized as St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church of South Haven. Names of original members included Carl Sours, Carl Klower, Carl Hinz, Heinrich Sill, August Ketelhut, Wilhelm Wank, Ferdinand Kesterke, Friedrich Schneider, Wilhelm Gunterberg, Carl Weit, August Sessin, August Maschke, Friedrich Maschke, Julius Milke, Carl Ketelhut, Heinrich Kowalke, Fred Radtke, Carl Winkel, Friedrich Knaak and Carl From. The congregation originally met in private homes and other churches to conduct worship services.

**1885** - The congregation purchased a house on the corner of Chambers and School Streets (one source says Green Street) which served as church and parsonage. According to the source, the lower floor was used for the parsonage and the upper floor for church services.

**1886** - Pastor Wenning accepted call to another congregation. During a lengthy vacancy the congregation was served by Pastor Merz, Pastor William Reuther of Fredonia in Calhoun County, and Student Bremer from Zion of Kalamazoo. The congregation became a member of the Michigan Synod and the Synodical Conference.

**1887** - Pastor Merz accepted another call and left Covert. Pastor Albert Schoenberg from Kalamazoo accepted the call as the new pastor.

**1888** - Pastor Schoenberg was installed on February 19<sup>th</sup> by Pastor Fritz of Albion. In January the congregation purchased the property on the corner of Michigan Avenue and Paw Paw Street (now Indiana Avenue) with the former Baptist church for \$1,100 and the old house on Chambers Street. In the spring it was decided to build a new church on the same property. The former church was torn down and a new church was built. This served as the congregation's house of worship from 1888-1926.

**1889** - The congregation opened a German school. The school closed in 1919.

**1893** - Pastor Schoenberg accepted a call to another congregation and there was another lengthy vacancy.

**1894** - Congregation purchased a parsonage at the corner of Indiana Avenue and Monroe Street. Pastor Carl Bast accepted the call and was installed on July 11 (There were about 130 communicant members at this time).

**1895 or 1896** - The first school building was erected next to the parsonage at 654 Paw Paw (Indiana) Avenue. The school had 48 students.

- In 1896 The Michigan Synod left the Federated Synod and the Synodical Conference.

**1900** - Pastor Carl Bast accepts a call to Wisconsin and leaves on December 3rd.

**1901** - Pastor H. Richter accepted the call of the congregation and was installed on April 21<sup>st</sup> by Pastor August Behrendt of Benton Harbor.

On April 29<sup>th</sup> a split in the congregation occurred as a small group of members who wanted to hold lodge membership left the congregation. They met in the Indiana School building on Indiana Avenue and eventually founded First English (now Peace) Lutheran Church (originally named The German Evangelical Lutheran Peace Congregation). In 1902 they purchased land at 617 Kalamazoo Street where they built a church that was their worship center until 2000. In the mid-1920s they changed their name to First English Evangelical Lutheran Church. In 1951 they merged with Bethel Lutheran Church of Covert (Augustana Synod). In 2000 they moved to their new church building on Blue Star Highway and were renamed "Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church".

**1903** - Pastor Richter left the congregation on July 12<sup>th</sup>. Pastor John Reuschel accepted the call and was installed in the fall.

**1909** - The Ladies' Aid Society was organized on January 25th under Pastor Reuschel and Mrs. A. Heinlein. Pastor Reuschel accepted a call to Wisconsin. The congregation called Pastor Hermann from Bay City and he accepted the call at first but then had to decline because of illness. Three more calls were extended without success. During the vacancy Pastor Reuschel stayed on until a new pastor could be found. The congregation decided to purchase a new organ for the church.

**1910** - The congregation called Pastor John Henning of Yale and he accepted the call. He was installed on June 10<sup>th</sup> by Pastor Harsch of Covert.

- The Michigan Synod and the Michigan District Synod (of the Federated Synod) reunited and became the Michigan District.

**1911** - The congregation decided to build an addition to the parsonage. The members of the building committee were Carl Ott, A. Heinlein, H. Kowalke, W. Ramus and J. Winkel. The contractor for the project was H. Hilbrandt. The Ladies' Aid Society and Youth Group contributed funds and labor for the needed repairs to the church and the addition to the parsonage.

**1917** - The Federated synods of Wisconsin, Minnesota, Michigan and Nebraska merged into a single body known as "The Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod of Wisconsin and Other States". St. Paul congregation now became a member of the Michigan District of the Joint Synod.

**1918** - Pastor Henning gave his farewell sermon on June 2<sup>nd</sup> as he accepted a call to Wisconsin. The vacancy was served by Pastor Julius Haase of Covert. Pastor Martin Haase from Sault St. Marie

accepted the call and was installed on December 1st. He also served St. John of Covert Township until it merged with St. Paul in 1926.

**1919** - The original Lutheran school was closed. The congregation now began to have English during their services as formerly everything was conducted in German. There were now two services, one in German and the other in English. English and German were also used for Sunday School classes and the Saturday School confirmation classes. It was also decided to pay the pastor's salary entirely from congregation offerings. Up to this time the congregation had been subsidized by the synod.

**1926** - At the annual voters' meeting on January 11<sup>th</sup>, the congregation voted to build a new church. C. C. Elwood from Elkhart, Indiana was employed as the architect and August Gumpert as contractor. The old church building was torn down and the new church was erected on the same site (the corner of Michigan and Indiana Avenues). The groundbreaking took place in the spring and the cornerstone laying took place in June. The Building Committee members were Pastor Haase, Paul Warskow, Walter Winkel, Herman Soergel, Paul Ninke, Otto Pekié, Edward Gumpert and John Fahning. The new church building was dedicated on December 19th.

- St. John Lutheran Church of Covert merged with St. Paul's. The old school house was sold.

**1934** - The Golden Jubilee (50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the congregation) was celebrated with special services on June 24th (there were now 203 communicant members).

**1940** - Pastor Haase resigned after a falling out with the Church Council. Pastor Wynfred Westendorf of Dowagiac was called. He returned the call but a second call was extended to him which he accepted. He was installed on November 3rd. He served until his death on November 26th, 1967.

**1941** - The church building was redecorated at a cost of \$500. An English Church Constitution was adopted in July.

**1943** - The indebtedness on the church was retired with a service of thanksgiving on July 11th.

**1946** - A home was purchased next to church at 413 Indiana Avenue to serve as the parsonage. The Lutheran Fellowship League met for the first time on March 15th, 1946. A constitution was drawn up and adopted on June 12th. There were 20 original members of the organization. The organization collected canned goods for MLS in Saginaw.

**1947** - The Fellowship League began support at Christmas for Synod's institutions, later known as "Christmas For Others".

**1952** - In September the voters approved the beginning a preaching station at Bangor and services were started at the Town Hall auditorium. In December the congregation began support of Lutheran Radio broadcasts over WHFB in Benton Harbor.

**1955** - Property was purchased on M-140 (LaGrange) so that a new school could be built and opened. The property was about 7 1/2 acres at the time and cost \$10,000. A small group of members provided the funding for the property.

- 1956** - A number of St. Paul's members helped organize a daughter congregation at Bangor (Trinity) in October. Property was purchased at Bangor for \$4,900.
- 1957** - Robert Sawall was assigned as a vicar at Bangor for one year.
- 1958** - Our Christian day school opened in September with an enrollment of 61 students in grades 1-7. A two-room school building was completed and dedicated on December 7<sup>th</sup>. Robert Behnke and Eulora Kehl were called as the first teachers. The Ladies' Aid Society held a "Hard Times Party". The Altar Committee was organized.  
Trinity of Bangor received own pastor, Pastor Paul Hoenecke, who was installed on August 24<sup>th</sup>.
- 1959** - The 75th anniversary of the congregation was celebrated on July 5<sup>th</sup> (there were now 308 communicant members). The Ladies' Aid Society made a cookbook which was then sold as a fund-raising project. Miriam Behnke accepted the call to serve as the lower grade teacher.
- 1960** - A new church and fellowship hall was dedicated at Bangor on August 21<sup>st</sup>. Ronald Klug served as emergency teacher for one year at our school.
- 1961** - The first teacherage was purchased on Chambers Street. Tape recorded services were first taken to shut-ins. Theodore Berg accepted the call to serve as new teacher and principal replacing Robert Behnke who accepted another call.  
- The Wisconsin Synod broke fellowship with the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod.
- 1962** - The debt on the teacherage was retired. Suzanne Berg accepted the call to teach our lower grades.
- 1964** - After a number of years of canning food for MLS in Saginaw, the practice was stopped because of new health department rules. The congregation joined the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society in March.
- 1965** - Suzanne Berg resigned as lower grade teacher and was replaced by Arlene Herzberg. A school addition was built and dedicated on September 19<sup>th</sup> (Pastor Norman Berg, Michigan District President, served as guest preacher). The addition consisted of two classrooms, gymnasium/auditorium, kitchen and locker room and storage space.
- 1966** - Theodore Berg accepted a call and was replaced as upper grade teacher and principal by Gerald Heckman.
- 1967** - Arlene Herzberg was married to Daniel Kirk. Donna Steinke accepted the call to serve as our lower grade teacher. The first pictorial directory was made. Pastor W. W. Westendorf died a few days after suffering an apparent stroke before church on November 19<sup>th</sup>.
- 1968** - Gerald Heckman resigned as teacher and principal and David Brohn from Lomira, Wisconsin accepted the call to serve as our new teacher and principal. After a lengthy vacancy following

the death of Pastor Westendorf, Pastor David Tetzlaff of Whitewater, Wisconsin accepted the call and was installed on October 20th.

**1969** - The first teacherage was sold and the second teacherage was purchased across from the school at 715 Arbor Court. Teacher Donna Steinke was married to Pastor Elton Bickel. Eileen Kempfert accepted the call to serve as our new teacher for the lower grades. The first child from Trinity of Bangor attended our school.

**1970** - Eileen Kempfert was married to Monte Schmiede. Marjorie Rausch accepted the call to serve as our teacher of the lower grades.

- Michigan Lutheran High School was opened at Good Shepherd of Benton Harbor. Our congregation had the first student enrolled at MLHS (Susan Stieve). The congregation joined the MLHS Association.

**1972** - Marjorie Rausch resigned as teacher of the lower grades. Donald Holzhueter from Westland accepted the call to serve as our first middle grade teacher of grades 3-5. Cheryl Raugutt accepted the call to serve as teacher of grades 1-2. Sue Holzhueter was called to serve as our kindergarten teacher. Chrismons were made as decorations for our church Christmas trees.

- A new mission was started at Holland (Christ Lutheran Church). A modular chapel and parsonage were dedicated on November 7, 1976. Our congregation helped with the initial support at Holland.

**1974** - Pastor Tetzlaff accepted a call to Milwaukee and left after Easter. A long vacancy was served by Pastor David Dolan of Hartford. Often professors from Michigan Lutheran Seminary filled in for services. A new organ was purchased and dedicated on May 19th. Two lots in back of the church and parsonage on Erie Street were purchased and razed for parking space. Cheryl Raugutt resigned as teacher and Deborah Wiese was assigned as our new teacher for grades 1-2. Pastor William Balza from Beaver Dam, Wisconsin accepted the call and was installed on December 1st.

**1975** - A second pictorial directory was made. Plexiglass was installed on the front stained glass windows in the church. A new scoreboard was purchased for the school gymnasium. Margie Cox was assigned to teach grades 1-2 in place after Deborah Wiese resigned and was married.

- Trinity of Bangor opened its own school in September with 19 children. Their first teacher was Jan Christianson with Pastor Roy Rose serving as principal.

**1976** - The New Year's Day service was eliminated as the New Year's Eve and New Year's Day services were combined into one service on New Year's Eve. A new 120-horsepower tractor with plow was purchased at a cost of \$1,950 for church and school use. The first student teachers were hosted by our school in the spring of the year. A large US flag and wooden cross were purchased/made for school gymnasium. Our congregation hosted the Dr. Martin Luther College Choir on Easter Sunday (the choir included member Jim Holman). The 50th anniversary of the dedication of the church building was observed on December 19th with Pastor James Westendorf, a son of the congregation, serving as our guest preacher. A commemorative church plate was made. A display of confirmation class pictures was made.

**1977** - Donald Holzhueter served as our delegate to the synod convention.

**1978** - The 50th anniversary of Dorothy Wiebrecht as Sunday School teacher was observed in June. The Scholarship Fund was renamed the Dorothy Wiebrecht (later Memorial) Scholarship Fund. The teacherage was remodeled and an addition was made for about \$25,000. A new church sign given by Don Wank with brick work by Harold Peckstein. A used Hammond Organ was donated to the school by the Stieve families. Two new highway signs were purchased. The offering plates were refinished.

**1979** - The parsonage at 723 Arbor Court was purchased for \$54,000 by a vote of 24-10 and occupied by the pastor and family in February. Dedication and open house was held on January 21st. The old parsonage on Indiana Avenue was used for a while as additional Sunday School teaching area. Elrene Gulbrand accepted the call to teach grades 1-2 as a replacement for Margie Cox who was married to Jim Dowling. The church tower was repaired for \$690. The "New Church Building Fund" was established. Pastor Balza served as a delegate to the Synod Convention at Watertown, WI in August. The congregation began the use of the NIV translation for worship services and later for school and instruction use.

**1980** - The school debt was retired in January. The first pinewood car derby was held at our school in April. The 25th anniversary of Mr. Holzhueter in the teaching ministry was observed in June. Elrene Gulbrand resigned as our teacher. Summer Sunday evening service was held once a month. The church front steps were replaced. Donna Habeck arrived as our new teacher of grades 1-2 in August.

**1981** - All Lenten services were held on Wednesday instead of Thursday for first time in many years. Dorothy Wiebrecht died in May after 50 years as Sunday School teacher and part-time secretary. John and Martha Schnake take over as part-time secretary helpers in running off the weekly bulletins. The old parsonage and 55' of land were sold to the John Filbrandt family for \$9,000. The house was moved further east on Erie Street. The land was then used for additional parking area. The church was tuckpointed. A new floor for the school gymnasium and kitchen was installed for \$6,550. Parsonage improvements were made and included replacement of the roof, new storm doors for the front doors, new landing and study entrance, exterior painting of the house and garage.

- Martin Luther Memorial Homes purchased the former Restwood Inn Nursing Home in South Haven. It was dedicated on October 11th at St. Paul School.

**1982** - The chaplaincy program began at the Martin Luther Memorial Home in February with Pastor Balza serving as chaplain until its close in 1998. Greeters were used before services. The Ladies' Aid Society produced a second cookbook. Erdmann Haase served as our delegate to the synod convention in August. The congregation approved the use of scholarship funds for MLHS students in addition to students attending a synodical school.

- The first MLMH Auxiliary meeting was held in September at our school.

**1983** - The 25th anniversary of our Christian day school was observed on May 1st. A school anniversary book was published. The congregation participated in the synod "Reaching Out" special offering. Mail slots were built at the church by Erdmann Haase. New pew cushions and new carpeting were added for the church. Larry Landry retired as church and school custodian and was succeeded by Rick Norlin as church custodian and Celia Brohn as school custodian. The treasurer became an appointed instead of elected office of the congregation. The entire interior of the church was repainted with new carpeting. The centennial year observance of the congregation began on November 27th. Centennial banners made by Edna Schlaack. Special bulletins with the picture of the church were used

throughout the church year.

**1984** - The 75th anniversary of Ladies' Aid Society was observed on January 29th. A third pictorial directory was made. Special centennial services were celebrated during the year (there were now 356 communicant members). Centennial Sunday was held on July 8<sup>th</sup> with former pastor, David Tetzlaff, serving as the guest speaker. A confirmation renewal of vows was held for first time. A "Confirmation Reunion Anniversary Service" was held on April 15th. Our women co-hosted the LWMS National Convention held at Hope College in Holland on June 29<sup>th</sup> with the theme: "Sharing Our Joy in the Lord". The church parking lot was paved. The first computer was purchased for the school. A new constitution and by-laws was approved for the congregation.

- WELS Lutherans For Life – Michiana Chapter began in Benton Harbor.

**1985** - The Michigan Lutheran Seminary Touring Choir presented a sacred concert at our church on March 16<sup>th</sup>. A Young Adults group was started.

- A Pregnancy Counseling Center was dedicated at Benton Harbor on November 10<sup>th</sup>. MLHS observed its 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**1986** - The congregation use the Synod **Sampler** hymnal.

**1987** - A time capsule was buried by the flagpole in front of the school building in May, to be opened in 2037. A "Stewardship Committee" was organized.

**1988** - The 25th anniversary of Mr. Brohn in the teaching ministry was observed in June. Teacher Donna Habeck was married to Bill Freyer.

**1989** - The "Sampler" hymnal for services was used for the last time during the year. Lynelle Schleusener was assigned as our new lower grade teacher in January. The fourth pictorial directory was made. The Ladies' Aid Society observed its 80th anniversary. A teacher's aide was hired for grades 3-5. A new Bible Class format with member leaders was used for about a year. The synod Parish Stewardship Services was employed for the congregation at a cost of \$2,500. Special projects included tuckpointing of the church chimney, painting of the church tower, new radiators for church basement, new keyboard for church and school use, and a new church brochure. A special order of service was used for the church year. A new Christmas tree decorating service was held for first time at the church.

**1991** - New computers were purchased for use by the pastor and principal. The congregation participated in the "Lift High The Cross" special synod offering. A "Confirmation Renewal" ceremony was started on Palm Sunday for members with 5-year confirmation anniversaries. The parsonage was sided. The children's Christmas service was moved from Christmas Eve to the Sunday before Christmas with a special Christmas Eve candlelighting service at church.

**1992** - A major evangelism canvass of community and VBS was held in June and July with the help of some of our worker-training members. The use of individual cups for communion was instituted on permanent basis after a six-month trial.

**1993** - The parsonage was remodeled in the kitchen and living room. The 25th anniversary of Pastor Balza in the ministry was observed by the congregation in June. Lynelle Schleusener accepted an

offer to go to Japan to teach for one year. Margie Dowling replaced Lynelle Schleusener as teacher for the year. A new synod hymnal, **Christian Worship**, was incorporated into our worship services for the first time in December. The offer to buy our church building and property was rejected in December.

**1994** - The fifth pictorial directory was made. One worship service was held during the summer months at 9:00 AM. Lynelle Schleusener returned from Japan and resumed as teacher of grades 1-2.

- The ELS began a new mission at Holland after Pastor Balza participated with a few other WELS pastors in exploring the possibility of starting a new WELS mission there.

**1994-95** - Tuition was charged for the first time to member parents of our school children to help offset cost of expenses (initial tuition was \$350 for one child and a family maximum of \$600). The idea of a pre-school was discussed but no action was taken. The 40th anniversary of Mr. Holzhueter in teaching ministry was observed in June.

- MLHS observed its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**1996** - Principal David Brohn and family moved into their own home in October. The teacherage was put up for sale. Once a month the 10:30 service was held at the school with communion, beginning in October. The pastor and four members attended the School of Outreach at Stevensville in October. A "New Vision Committee" was initiated.

**1997** - A new fellowship group was organized called "Koinonia". The tuckpointing of the church was done for about \$38,000 in April. A retirement service for Donald Holzhueter and Farewell for Lynelle Schleusener was held on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Thursday evening services were held during the summer months. Matthew Lober accepted the call to teach grades 3-5 and bought the former teacherage. June Naumann of Benton Harbor accepted the call to teach grades 1-2 for one year.

- Trinity of Bangor adds two-classroom addition to school and a second teacher.

**1998** - The synod Parish Assistance was employed by the congregation to provide an evaluation and offer suggestions for change. A special task force met regularly to develop a mission-vision statement for the congregation. Sue Holzhueter retired after teaching kindergarten for 26 years. Monday evening services were held during the summer months. Julie Esch accepted the call to teach grades K-2. The new synod *Christ-Light* curriculum was introduced into our school and Sunday School. St. Paul Pre-School was opened with 10 pre-school students taught by Mrs. Pam Sampson of Stevensville. The 40th anniversary of the school was observed on November 15th with the theme of "Remembering His Blessings".

- Martin Luther Memorial Home was sold on July 31 to South Haven Healthcare Centre.

**1999** - Tina Bierhalter was hired as the first church and school secretary on a part-time basis. She began on January 3<sup>rd</sup>. New Mission and Vision Statements of the Parish Assistance task force were approved. A new organizational structure was approved with the use of new by-laws beginning July 1. The 90th anniversary of the Ladies' Aid Society was celebrated. Miss Elizabeth Wallace accepted the call to teach grades 1-2 and Miss Esch assumed the position of teacher of kindergarten and pre-school. Sharon Ward replaced Tina Bierhalter as secretary in September. A sixth pictorial directory was produced for the new millennium. The congregation observed the 25th anniversary of Pastor Balza at St. Paul's in November.

**2000** - Matthew Lober accepted a call to Juneau, Wisconsin. Celia Brohn accepted the call to teach grades 3-5 for one year. A teacher's aide was hired for the pre-school. Pam Berndt took over custodial duties at the school in place of Celia Brohn.

- MLHS observed its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**2001** - The congregation purchased a video camera for video-taping services from a special memorial gift. Monday evening services were held during the summer months. A new computer was purchased for the pastor's use. Rich Miller served as our delegate to the synod convention at Saginaw in July. Don and Sue Holzhueter left to serve as one-year volunteer teachers at Plzen in the Czech Republic. The school was realigned into grades 1-3 and 4-8. Celia Brohn served as a teachers' aide for pre-school and Pam Berndt for grades 1-8. The use of volunteer custodians at the church began in October. A lengthy disagreement between Paul Peterson and members of the church council and two teachers divided the congregation and continued well into the next year. The congregation observed the 75th anniversary of the church building in December.

**2002** - The congregation began one service only at 9 AM in January. A 7 PM Sunday evening service at the school was added in April. Julie (Esch) Stegman resigned as pre-school and kindergarten teacher at end of the school year after four years. Anna Boehm was assigned to replace Julie Stegman as pre-school and kindergarten teacher. Don and Sue Holzhueter returned from their volunteer stay at Plzen in the Czech Republic.

**2003** - The position of church and school secretary was eliminated in July. Anna Boehm resigned as teacher of pre-school and kindergarten to get married in June. Elizabeth Wallace accepted a call to Christ in Milwaukee. Erica Cook accepted the call to teach pre-school and kindergarten. Mary Korth was assigned to teach grades 1-3. In June the congregation began a new worship schedule with 8:30 AM worship at church and 11:00 AM worship at school with Sunday School and Bible Class at 10:00 AM. The 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of David Brohn in the teaching ministry and his 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary at St. Paul was observed with a special service on June 29<sup>th</sup>. Our church hosted a School of Outreach in November.

**2004** - Erica Cook resigned from teacher of pre-school and kindergarten to get married to Joshua Gorseigner. Mary Korth was married to John Harris. Lizette Hahnke was assigned as the new pre-school and kindergarten teacher. The church organ went out in May, was used a few more times before it went out again permanently. The Ladies' Aid Society produced a new cookbook. The parsonage garage was painted. The Ladies' Aid Society observed its 95th anniversary as an organization in July. A seventh pictorial directory was started in September. The voters approved the planning for a new church on November 14 and decided to put the church up for sale. The church sold within a week after being put on the market for \$485,000. A new church building committee met with various architects.

**2005** - The Farewell service at the church was held on February 6<sup>th</sup>. All services were held at the school beginning on February 9th (Ash Wednesday). The New Church Building Committee members were Larry Bollwahn, Jim Bollnow, Scott Mitchell, Suzannah Klug, Mickey Gerencser, Herm Heuermann, Earl Hansen. The congregation hired Tera Architects and Pearson Construction out of Benton Harbor for the new church. An original design for the new church was approved for \$1,063,000 but later rescinded because of the high cost. A second design was approved for about \$800,000. Financing for the new church was obtained through LACE. Lizette Hahnke resigned and was married to

Jason Schapekahn in July. Anna Scharrer was assigned as the new teacher for pre-school and kindergarten.

- MLHS observed its 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**2006** - The groundbreaking ceremony for the new church took place following the service on February 26<sup>th</sup>. A fellowship meal followed the ceremony. Construction for the new church began in May. Esther Westendorf, long-time member and wife of former pastor, W. W. Westendorf, entered eternal glory in July. First service was held in the new church on Thanksgiving Day, November 23rd. The new church was dedicated with a morning dedication service and an afternoon celebration service followed by a celebration supper on December 17<sup>th</sup>. Teacher Mary Harris resigned in December as an expectant mother. Ms. Marla Ohrmundt accepted the call to serve as the new teacher for the remainder of the school year.

**2007** - Pastor Balza accepted a call to Ft. Myers, Florida in April. David Brohn retired from the teaching ministry at the end of the 2006-07 school year. A retirement service and dinner was held for him on June 17<sup>th</sup>... Clint Rogas was ordained and installed as the new pastor on July 8

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#### **PASTORS WHO HAVE SERVED ST. PAUL**

Rev. Albert Schoenberg	(1882)
Rev. Balthasar Merz	(1882-1884)
Rev. G. Wenning	(1884-1887)
Rev. Albert Schoenberg	(1887-1894)
Rev. Carl Bast	(1894-1900)
Rev. H. Richter	(1901-1903)
Rev. John Reuschel	(1903-1910)
Rev. John Henning	(1910-1918)
Rev. Martin A. Haase	(1918-1940)
Rev. Wynfred W. Westendorf	(1940-1967)
Rev. David Tetzlaff	(1968-1974)
Rev. William Balza	(1974-2007)
Rev. Clint Rogas	(2007- 2013)
<b>Rev. Stephen Daley</b>	<b>(2013- )</b>

#### **TEACHERS WHO HAVE SERVED ST. PAUL**

Mr. Robert Behnke (1958-62) Principal	
Miss Eulora Kehl (1958-59)	Mrs. Laurie Erickson
Mrs. Robert (Miriam) Behnke (1959-60)	
Mr. Ronald Klug (1960-61) emergency teacher	
Mr. Theodore Berg (1961-66) Principal	
Mrs. Theodore (Suzanne) Berg (1962-65)	
Miss Arlene Herzberg (1965-67)	Mrs. Daniel Kirk
Mr. Gerald Heckmann (1966-68) Principal	
Miss Donna Steinke (1967-69)	Mrs. Elton Bickel
Mr. David Brohn (1968-2007) Principal	
Miss Eileen Kempfert (1969-70)	Mrs. Monte Schmiede
Miss Marjorie Rausch (1970-72)	Mrs. Jeff Rettig
Mr. Donald Holzhueter (1972-97)	
Miss Cheryl Raugutt (1972-74)	
Mrs. Donald (Suzanne) Holzhueter (1972-98)	

Miss Deborah Wiese (1974-75) Mrs. John Dais  
Miss Margie Cox (1975-78 half year, 1993-94) Mrs. James Dowling  
Miss Elrene Gulbrand (1979 half year, 79-80)  
Miss Donna Habeck (1980-89 half year) Mrs. William Freyer  
Miss Lynelle Schleusener (1989 half year, 89-93, 94-97)  
Mr. Matthew Lober (1997-2000)  
Mrs. David (Celia) Brohn (1997\*, 2000-01) - \*subbed for grades 1-2 for first week  
Mrs. Paul (June) Naumann (1997-98)  
Mrs. Julie (Esch) Stegman (1998-2002) - 1-2; K & Pre-school  
Mrs. John (Pam) Sampson (1998-99) - Pre-school  
Miss Elizabeth Wallace (1999-2003)  
Miss Anna Boehm (2002-03) K & Pre-school Mrs. Tim Vogel  
Miss Erica Cook (2003-04) K & Pre-School Mrs. Joshua Gorsegner  
Mrs. Mary (Korth) Harris (2003-06 half year) 1-3  
Miss Lizette Hahnke (2004-05) K & Pre-School Mrs. Jason Schapekahm  
Miss Anna Scharrer (2005- ) K & Pre-School  
Marla Ohrmundt (2006-07 half year) 1-3  
**Joseph Greefkes** (2007- ) Upper grades and Principal  
Kathryn Greefkes (2007- 2010) Lower grades  
**Mrs. Mary Harris** (2009- ) 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grade  
**Mrs. June Naumann** (2010- ) K-1<sup>st</sup> grade  
**Ms. Amanda Ehrenberg** (2010- ) Preschool

#### ST. PAUL SCHOOL - STUDENT TEACHERS

	<b>Quarter</b>	<b>Grades</b>
William Hartwig	Spring 1976	6-8
Nancy Polzin	Spring 1976	3-5
Nils Peterson	Spring 1977	6-8
Cindy Zahn	Spring 1977	3-5
Margaret Petermann	Fall 1977	6-8
Mark Morser	Fall 1977	3-5
Allen Greschner	Winter 1979	6-8
Gina Schumann	Winter 1979	3-5
Suzanne Tonder	Spring 1980	3-5
Michael Wilde	Spring 1981	6-8
Margaret Ungemach	Spring 1981	3-5
Kevin Sonntag	Fall 1982	6-8
Laura Pankow	Fall 1982	3-5
Kevin Kutz	Spring 1984	7-8
Susan Benzel	Spring 1984	4-6
Julia Gerriets	Fall 1994	6-8
Dale Rundgren	Fall 1994	4-5
Eric Rodmyre	Fall 1996	3-5
Sarah Kleist	Fall 1996	1-2

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Sharon Baldauf (1989-90)  
Margaret Adkin (1991-93)  
Diane Reist (1992-94, 2000-01/PS)  
Pam Berndt (2001-02)  
Celia Brohn (2001-02/PS)  
**Jill Mitchell (2007- )**  
Rachel DeRosia (2008-2010)  
**Diane Landry (2013- )**