

**A Brief History
Of
St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Sparta, WI.**

1880-1997: 117 Years of God's Blessings

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Introduction

As one studies the history of a church such as St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Sparta, Wisconsin, he cannot help but marvel at the multitude of blessings showered upon it over the years by the Lord. Growth in membership, the building and maintaining of a parochial school, and the building of a new church are just some of the blessings the Lord has showered upon his church in Sparta over the years. This is not ^{to} say, of course, that St. John's has never experienced hardships. As in the world, sin is also present in the church, even at St. John's. Especially in recent years, as one examines the events that have taken place, it may seem as if St. John's has experienced more hardships and trials than successes and blessings from the hand of the Lord.

Yet a look at the entire history of St. John's reveals something quite different. It reveals a history of St. John's that is full of blessings. It reveals a history of some 117 years during which the Gospel has been faithfully proclaimed in Sparta. From its humble beginnings of a handful of German Lutherans to a membership numbering nearly 1000, St. John's has continually experienced one blessing after another as it carries out its task of proclaiming the Gospel.

But compiling a comprehensive and complete history of St. John's does present some unique difficulties. Due to the length of time involved, there is a shortage of original documents that have survived since the church was founded that makes research into the early history of St. John's difficult. What is more, many of the records that do exist, such as church council and

voter's meeting minutes, are recorded in German script. In fact, it wasn't until 1933 that "the motion was made and carried that the minutes of the church council meeting be carried out in English"(*Church council minutes Jan. 1, 1934*). As beautiful as this writing is to look at, it presents some serious problems when it comes to translating since it is not always easy to make out the letters. It is this writer's hope that someday what is recorded on those pages will be translated so that the valuable information contained there may not be lost. However, as the number of people who can translate such writings becomes fewer and fewer, the possibility of this happening seems to be becoming less and less likely.

Another problem in compiling a history of St. John's involves what has taken place in recent years. Due to the circumstances surrounding the departures of both Pastor Winkel and Pastor Dummann, writing about what took place during those years threatens to bring back many old feelings of anger and bitterness. This makes viewing and writing impartially about what took place during those years very hard to accomplish, especially as one who experienced many of those events firsthand. Also, since in a certain sense these events are more current events than history, it is hard to see exactly what their impact will be on St. John's.

Yet one would be remiss in his duties as a historian if he simply ignored what took place a certain number of years simply because they involve controversy and hard questions which may never be answered. In fact, in some respects, those years are almost more important than the ones that preceded because they have helped to shape St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

into what it is today. Even more importantly, those years, just like those that preceded it, are important for showing the Gospel's continuing proclamation in Sparta. Those years are important for showing the many blessings the Lord showered on St. John's Church.

For the purposes of this essay the history of St. John's Church will be divided into three basic time periods or stages, the early years, the Pastor Winkel years and the recent years. The early years, from the first gatherings of those people who would form the Church in Sparta to the death of Pastor Berg, cover a period of roughly 75 years. During these years, St. John's grew quickly from a small nucleus of believers to a group large enough to begin a school for its children. Unfortunately, most of this period is the time mentioned previously covered mainly by German writings. The Pastor Winkel years, covering a period of 28 years, also saw many blessing from the Lord as he continued to grant growth to his church. The recent years, beginning with the arrival of Pastor Braun and continuing up to the present, saw problems arise as in previous years, yet once again what stands out is not the problems, but the continuing blessings of the Lord as St. John's continues its proclamation of the Gospel.

One final word concerning the scope and focus of the history presented in this writing. Due to the rather large number of years involved, it is not feasible to look at every single event and occurrence to see God's blessings upon St. John's. Nor is it necessary to see how greatly the Lord has blessed his church in Sparta to go in a year by year, month by month progression of history. What will be brought forth are those things throughout St. John's history which especially

emphasize God's blessings on St. John's. It is also this writer's hope that in presenting the history of some of the more recent problems which have occurred, old feelings of bitterness or animosity will not be brought to the surface again, but rather what will be brought forth is a greater appreciation of how the Lord has used and continues to use his almighty power to bless his church in Sparta.

The Early Years

Interestingly enough, the group of people that would form St. John's Church didn't originally conduct their worship in Sparta. Instead, they traveled to Ridgeville where Rev. A Siegler was the pastor. They made this trip "for the purpose of listening to a Lutheran sermon and partaking of the Lord's Supper according to the institution of the Lutheran church" (Richards 554). How wonderful it must have been for Rev. Siegler to see the dedication and commitment which those German Lutherans showed in connection with the Gospel he was preaching.

Seeing their need, Rev. Seigler soon began coming to Sparta to conduct services in the homes of various individuals. However, since he was still pastor in Ridgeville he was only able to do this irregularly on a part-time basis. As he continued preaching the Gospel in Sparta it soon became apparent that there was a need for these people to call their own full time minister to serve their growing needs. Accordingly, the people called Rev. Henry C. Dagefoerde. An

interesting historical sidelight concerning Rev. Dagefoerde is that he was "the first laborer commissioned to America by Pastor Ludwig Harms, founder and soul of the Hermannsburg Foreign Mission Society" Richards 554). After several faithful years of service he too left the people of Sparta in 1877 when he accepted a call to Bloomfield, Wisconsin.

The people of Sparta were next served by Rev. Louis E Junker. However, he too served a pastorate at another church located at Burr Oak and therefore according to *The History of Monroe County* was only able to preach at Sparta every third Sunday (554). It was under Rev. Junker's leadership that the congregation first organized itself in 1880. The following is a list taken from the *History of Monroe County* of those people who made up the charter membership of St. John's Lutheran Evangelical Lutheran Church: "August Schlaver, Sr., August Niemasch, Peter Boelke, Michael Lueck, Julius Dellmann, Godfrey Gantke, Julius Meseur, August Jahnke, Julius Pollack" (554).

To serve as a place of worship a frame church building was constructed on 515 E. Main Street (cf. APPENDIX B). Amazingly this rather small building lasted as the house of worship for the proclamation of the gospel for the next 22 years as St. John's continued to grow and to be blessed by God.

The next minister of the gospel to serve Sparta was Rev. Phillip Sprengler who was ordained in May of 1882. He too served a neighboring sister congregation at Burr Oak along with St. John's in Sparta. His successor, Rev. John Jenny, who took over in 1887, continued the

practice of serving another church along with Sparta. In the history of St. John's produced for the 75th anniversary, the relationship between St. John's Sparta and its neighboring sister congregations was explained as follows.

Typical of a new congregation, and especially in those earlier years, the Sparta congregation, during its first twenty years, was somewhat dependent upon its sister churches for the services of a pastor....they were served at times by Ridgeville and Burr Oak and then in 1887 when the charge was vacated by the resignation of Rev. Phillip Sprengling, the Lutherans of Sparta thought it more expedient to unite with the St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Tomah. It is believed that this action was not an actual merger but rather a matter of being served by the same minister, as the Rev. John Jenny served a circuit consisting of Tomah, where he resided, and also Sparta and [the] town of Lincoln, Zeeda, and Goodyear

Following Jenny in 1892 came Rev. G. E. Bergemann, who would later go on to serve the Wisconsin Synod as Vice President beginning in 1907 and later as president of the Synod beginning in 1908. After his departure, Rev. J. G. Glasaer, who was installed at Tomah in 1900, served the church in Sparta. Up until now the practice mentioned above, that of sharing their pastor with neighboring sister churches and preaching about once a month while members conducted services the rest of time, was still in effect. But as St. John's continued to grow it became obvious that they were in need of their own pastor to serve their growing needs. Consequently, in 1901 Pastor H.W. Schmeling accepted the call to serve St. John's full time and was installed and ordained on July 7, 1901.

It is truly a wonderful testimony to the power of God that what started out as a handful of

people gathering together in Ridgeville and in homes about Sparta some 25 years before was now established enough to warrant their own full time pastor. But the Lord was by no means done blessing St. John's in Sparta. In fact, he had only just begun.

As St. John's grew in number the need for a new, larger place of worship soon became apparent. This need was met with the construction of a new place of worship on the corner of Jefferson and L Streets (cf. APPENDIX B). Although maybe not impressive by today's standards, it was nonetheless quite an accomplishment for such a relatively young congregation. The building itself was 84x40x20 with height of 109 feet. It was completed at a cost of \$7,300. Dedication services held on November 9, 1902 were conducted in the morning, and afternoon, with an evening address in English by Rev. J. Jenny of Milwaukee.

A few years later, in 1905, when St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church celebrated its 25th anniversary, they were already a well established congregation. To commemorate this special and wonderful event a bell was purchased from the Meneely Company weighing 1,302 pounds, and costing \$377. It was installed on September 3rd, 1905 the day appointed for the anniversary celebration.

As the gospel continued to be preached to the members of St. John's Church by pastor Schmeling, the children were also served the gospel. Already back in 1903, a parochial school had been established in the basement of the church with all eight grades taught by pastor. An interesting piece of historical trivia is that on the first day of school when Pastor Schmeling led

the children into the schoolroom, the first child behind him carrying a bell was Anna Schwanke. For the next thirty years the basement would serve as the school. One teacher, Edith Steinke was called in 1908 to serve as teacher for all the children when the duties of preaching and teaching became too much for Pastor Schmeling.

Over the ensuing years St. John's continued to grow. A parsonage on Jefferson Avenue was purchased in 1907 at a cost of \$3,450. Membership as well saw an increase. By 1912 the congregation that had begun with 9 charter members now consisted of 94 families, 350 communicants and 490 souls. St. John's was also reaching out to those ^Eenglish speaking residents of Sparta by holding one service a month in English.

1921 once again saw a pastoral change at Sparta. At that time Pastor Schmeling received and accepted a call to serve at Northwestern College in Watertown, WI. He was succeeded by Rev. Arthur Berg who for the next 33 years would serve the needs of St. John's as it continued to grow under the Lord's guiding hand.

During those 33 years Pastor Berg saw many changes take place in St. John's. In 1923 a parsonage was built on the corner of Jefferson and Myrtle. In 1927 a new pipe organ was installed to help beautify services. In 1951 two services were added due to increasing attendance. In 1953 loudspeakers and ear phones were installed for those members who were hard of hearing. These are just a few of the many example of growth experienced in these years. Not only do they show how great the Lord blessed St. John's in those early years, but they also show

the spirit of those early members of St. John's, a spirit which saw each new challenge as a chance to grow in the proclamation of the gospel.

Nowhere is this spirit more evident than in connection with the school. As the enrollment increased the need was met by the calling of a second teacher in 1934. And when the basement proved too small for the growing class size and another classroom was needed, the school was moved to a two story brick building which it used until 1947. At this time need once again forced the members of St. John's to look into building a new school to suit their growing enrollment. On March 27, 1948 the cornerstone was laid for their new building three years after a building fund had been started. The one story brick building was constructed on church grounds and opened on September 6th 1949. The staff of the school consisted of two teachers: Karleen Brinkman who taught grades 1 through 4 and Robert Moldenhauer who taught grades 5-8.

On September 29, 1954 Pastor Berg passed on to his eternal home. At that time the number of communicants was 525. The early years of St. John's were over. St. John's Lutheran Church was well established. It had an established school which boasted an enrollment of 80 in 1955 with which to train its children in the Gospel. It was clear that St. John's was blessed by the Lord.

In viewing the first 75 years of St. John's one can't help but marvel at the dedication to the Lord its members showed. One can also not help but marvel at the incredible blessings the Lord showered upon St., John's as it continued its proclamation of the Gospel. What is even more

marvelous is that those blessing didn't stop after these early years, but as will be shown in the ensuing history continued throughout the various stages of St. John's history.

The Winkel Years

To many this era of St. John's history is one that would rather be forgotten due to the circumstances surrounding the departure of Pastor Winkel. Yet to do so is to overlook the many blessings the Lord provided for his church in Sparta during these years. Regardless of what Pastor Winkel may have or have not done, the Lord was still working his will during those years. Two events stand out particularly as evidence of the Lord's continuing blessing. The first and perhaps most significant is the building of a new church. The second event which stands out and deserves attention during this period has to do with the school and its continuing growth.

As the years progressed St. John's membership continued to grow. As the Church looked forward during the early 70's to the approaching 100th anniversary in 1980, thoughts turned to the building of a new church. However, it was decided that rather than wait, work should begin before 1980. Therefore, in 1973 ground was broke and work began on the new church.

By 1974 work was complete and dedication services were held on September 1, 1974 (cf. APPENDIX B). Mindful of its roots, the members of St. John's refurbished and installed both the original bell and organ from the old church.

The school operated by St. John's church also received a special blessing from the Lord

during the years that Pastor Winkel served. As the church grew, so did the school. Very quickly the two room school constructed in 1949 proved to be insufficient for its needs. Once again it was time for the members of St. John's to go into action to take care of a need that had arisen. As with previous needs in its history, St. John's met the challenge placed before them quickly and efficiently. In 1959 a second story was added providing two more classrooms and office space. To further meet their needs the teaching staff was increased to four, each teacher conducting four grades.

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These are the events, the blessings from the Lord, that characterize the 26 years during which Pastor Winkel served. Yet, for the most they are not what he is remembered for. Instead, he is remembered for the circumstances surrounding his resignation. But as these circumstances fade more and more out of people's memory and into the pages of history, perhaps a different picture will come forth.

The circumstances that led to his resignation first came up in the fall of '82 when some financial irregularities were discovered in the financial records of the church. The money in question involved ^{the} amount given to Synod and other payments and deposits for which the records were seemingly absent. One of the problems encountered as the investigation into the discrepancies continued was that Pastor Winkel had kept track of the church finances personally. When questioned about the missing statements Pastor Winkel had no explanation.

As the investigation to uncover the truth wore on it became increasingly apparent that, at

least to some extent, Pastor Winkel had been using Church accounts to pay for personal bills. It also became apparent that either for some reason more money was recorded in the books than ^{v 45} actually present or some of the money had been misappropriated by Pastor Winkel. On March 20, 1983 Pastor Winkel admitted that he had in fact cashed checks that were written to the Wisconsin Synod. Pastor Winkel's reason for doing this was to ^{m?} for chemicals and materials for church use. (Church council minutes). He also admitted that he had borrowed money without authorization to pay for personal expenses, but that he intended to pay the money back fully in time.

Despite these admissions, Pastor Winkel stated again and again that although he may have done some things he shouldn't have, such as falsifying church giving records, whatever he had done was done for the good of the church. Nevertheless, it soon became obvious that there were too many unanswered questions and too much suspicion to allow things to go on as they had been. Therefore the church council recommended that the congregation request ^p pastor Winkel to resign for the sake of harmony in the church. (October 10, 1982 Church council) Pastor Winkel's resignation was accepted on October 26, 1982. Until such time as a ^p Pastor could be found, Pastor Gast of Tomah served as the vacancy Pastor.

To say that this incident put a strain on the members of St. John's is an understatement. Even today, some 15 years later, some of the scars of this incident are still evident. Yet whether or not Pastor Winkel committed any crimes is not the point of looking at the history of St. John's.

Whatever he may have done, ultimately he is not answerable ^{to} man but to God. As far as man is concerned God's Word is very clear in how he is to deal with someone who sins against him. Jesus himself told Peter that the number of times our brother is to be forgiven is not once or twice, but seventy times seven. But it is very hard to not judge, and judge harshly, when it comes to matters such as the circumstances of Pastor Winkel's resignation.

Yet this is exactly what Christians do. Rather than trusting in their own opinions and their own actions, they trust in the Lord's power and in his actions. This is, after all, what the history of St. John's is all about. It is not a history about men and their accomplishments, or failings, but about God and his accomplishments as he continued to oversee the Gospel's proclamation in Sparta.

The Recent Years

St. John's was served by Pastor Gast of Tomah as for approximately 6 months as a replacement for Pastor Winkel was searched for. Finally, in April of 1983 Pastor Mark Braun accepted the call to Sparta and ^{was} installed on April 10th. Under his leadership St. John's began the somewhat painful process of healing from the Winkel resignation.

As 1985 drew to a close it soon became apparent that due to the large membership of St. John's of 1041 souls assistance was needed for the pastor. Therefore the council resolved to look into getting involved in the synod's vicarship program.

WHEREAS St. John's Lutheran Church, with a membership of more than 750 communicants and nearly 1000 souls is a large

burden for a pastor and

WHEREAS at ST. John's we want to not only support and maintain our present membership but also share the Gospel with those around us to enlarge our membership....

RESOLVED that St. John's Lutheran Church participate in the vicarship program by allocating the necessary funds for the vicar's stipend in the 1986-87 fiscal year budget by submitting a request to the District President to call a vicar to St. John's to begin service September 1, 1986 (January 19, 1986)

Following the passing of this resolution, the request was made to the ^{District President} seminary to have a vicar called to St. John's in May of 1986.

Unfortunately, at this time in Synod history there were more requests for vicars than there were students to fill them. The following letter was received in May from the ^{President} Professor Bitter of the ^{Western Wisconsin District} Seminary explaining the negative response to St. John's vicar request.

This is to inform you of something you have quite likely already heard, that the number of requests for vicar assignments has exceeded the number of Middlers available for such assignment. As a result, congregations making such a request for the first time, like your own, were not assigned a vicar this year. May I encourage you to continue thinking in terms of making such a request again next year....

The members of St. John's did continue thinking of making a vicar request again since the number of members was more than one pastor was able to handle effectively, and in the following year put in another request for a vicar. This time their request was granted and they received the first of the men that would serve as vicars of St. John's, Mike Schultz. He was installed on September 13, 1987 as St. John's first vicar.

Meanwhile, in the interim between the request for a vicar and the installation of Vicar Schultz, Pastor Braun had received and accepted a call to teach at Wisconsin Lutheran ^{College} Seminary in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. After his last sermon on July 26, 1987, pastor Paul Kante took over as vacancy Pastor.

Even during this time of vacancy the Lord continued to bless St. John's. The Lord blessed St. John's with exactly what it needed at the time, a capable, self reliant, faithful vicar in Mike Schultz. It is hard to imagine any other vicar performing better under such trying circumstances. In essence, until the arrival of Pastor Dummann, Vicar Schultz was the Pastor at St. John's. Fortunately, Vicar Schultz didn't have ^{to} bear the load alone for long. In July a call was sent to Scott Dummann. After accepting the call, Scott Dummann was installed on October 4th, 1987.

Due to the success and general acceptance of the Vicar program, St. John's decided to continue the practice of calling vicars to help with pastoral duties. Consequently for the next several years St. John's was privileged to have the services of three more faithful vicars: James Sonnemann (1988-1989), Theodore Bodjanec (1989-1990), and Kenneth Bittorf (1990-1991).

As useful and helpful as the vicar program was for St. John's it soon became apparent that its needs would be better served by the calling of a second pastor. As a result a call was extended to Del Begalka, who accepted the call to serve St. John's and was installed in August of 1993.

When Pastor Begalka arrived in 1993, St. John's was approaching what was to be another

troubled time in its existence. Over the years that Pastor Dummann had served St. John's, every once in a while questions would arise concerning his sermons and writings in newsletters and elsewhere. These questions revolved around some of Pastor Dummann's theological beliefs, especially in the area of the working of the Holy Spirit. There were many discussions between the end of 1993 and the first months of 1994 between Pastor and the council and the district Preasidium to try to resolve these questions. Yet they were for the most part to no avail. Seeing that the discussions were going nowhere, and not wishing to bring even more controversy and hardship to the congregation Pastor Dummann resigned on March 15, 1994.

One thing that needs to be stated clearly is that in no way was the church council of St. John's nor any other members at St. John's responsible for Pastor Dummann's ^{resignation.} resign. Rather he chose that particular action himself. This point was further clarified in a letter to the congregation on March 22, 1994. This letter has been reproduced in its entirety to show the church council's view of Pastor Dummann's resignation.

Dear members of St. John's congregation:

You recently received a letter from Pastor Scott Dummann indicating his decision to resign from his ministry here at St. John's. In this letter Pastor Dummann stated that the Lord had led him to the decision to resign.

The St. John's Church Council feels that some words of clarification are in order regarding Pastor Dummann's resignation. It is to be stressed that Pastor Dummann resigned his Call as he was led by the Lord to do so. This resignation was not requested or even anticipated by anyone in a leadership position here at St.

John's. The resignation, as Pastor Dummann said in his letter was effective March 18, 1994.

In the past there have been a number of concerns regarding Pastor Dummann's position on certain doctrinal issues. These were recently discussed with Pastor Dummann by our Synod's Western Wisconsin District officials including Circuit Pastor Donald Krause, District President Herbert Prah and First Vice--President David Fischer. These concerns were shared with the Board of Elders of our congregation. Before any resolution could be reached regarding these concerns, Pastor Dummann announced his intention to resign. No charges of false doctrine or teaching contrary to Lutheran theology had been made against Pastor Dummann or have been since. We have no official word as to Pastor Dummann's current eligibility to be called to a WELS congregation.

The Church Council certainly is concerned about the welfare of Pastor Dummann and his family. Because of this concern, the Dummann family has been invited to remain in the parsonage for three months from the date of resignation. In addition, Pastor Dummann's salary and benefits will continue for three months unless he finds suitable employment before the end of that period.

Pastor Begalka has indicated that he will seek, with the help of God, to fulfill the duties of the ministry here at St. John's to the best of his ability. We ask for your prayers and support in his behalf. At this time, we must look at the needs of the congregation, our financial situation and the like before we decide what will be done in the future regarding the pastoral ministry here.

What is critical needed at this time among the congregation is charity, kindness, and steadfast efforts on our part to beseech the Lord of the Church to bless our congregation, to help to proclaim the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ and to assist the members to go about the Means of Grace. We must all seek to lay the past aside and ask the Lord to prosper our work and bless our labors in the years to come.

In his personal letter of resignation to the congregation, referred to in the above letter, Pastor Dummann explained the process that had led him to resign.

The Lord, however, has led me to a decision to resign my call to serve you as your pastor. It has not come by the request of the synod, nor by the leadership of St. John's....I know of no greater demonstration of my heart for you than in a very real sense to lay down my life for you with my resignation. (Letter to the Congregation 5/15/1994).

Since St. John's was still in need of pastoral help it was decided to get back into the vicar program. Therefore, Martin Wagner received the call to be vicar at St. John's for 1995-1996. He too like those before him proved to be capable vicar who provided Pastor Begalka with much assistance over his year of service.

Conclusion

Thus ends the history of St. John's up to the present time. Currently St. John's is served solely by Pastor Begalka. Bible class on Sunday mornings has seen an ever growing attendance as more and more the members of St. John's turn to God's Word for instruction and guidance. The parochial school is still going strong despite the minor disruptions caused by loss of teachers and minor additions over the years.

Obviously, St. John's has much to be proud of as a congregation. It has a very rich history

filled with blessings from the Lord. Time and time again throughout its history the Lord has given his church in Sparta what they have needed, and more. Time and time again the members of St. John's have fulfilled their duty of proclaiming the Gospel meeting each new challenge with the courage and conviction which comes only from faith in Christ. The history of St. John's is indeed a history of triumph and accomplishments. Yet it is a history of triumphs and accomplishments of the Lord.

In a very real sense, the words written to the foreword of the history of St. John's for its 75th anniversary are as true today as they were then.

That we may further glorify our Triune God and in so doing encourage our descendants to do so like wise - that should be and is the purpose of this memento.

As we read the history of our congregation...we cannot help but feel that we are counting our blessings.

The founders of our congregation and those members who have carried on these many years did not accept this and their many other blessings and give nothing in return. Our Lord has asked for nothing in payment of the blessings He bestows, but it is evident that our members have, in their love for Him, worked hard and given much so that their sines and daughters, friends and also their enemies and all who might come to hear might also know the truth of the Scriptures.

...Let us be even more thankful. In this booklet and in all we do we must carry on and spread the true Word - that we may further glorify our Triune God.

To Him alone be the Glory, forever and ever! Amen.(Romans 11:36).

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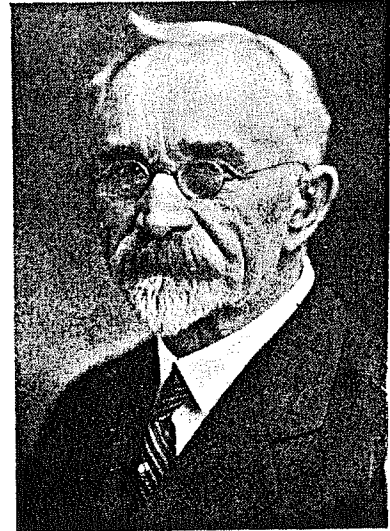
St. John's Pastors: The Early Years



A. F. SIEGLER
First Pastor



JOHN JENNY
Circuit Pastor



PASTOR G. E. BERGMANN



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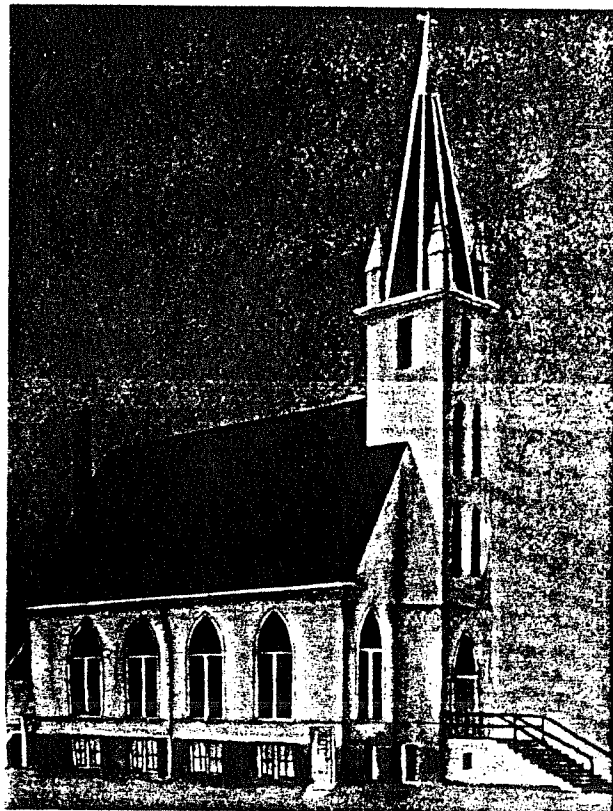


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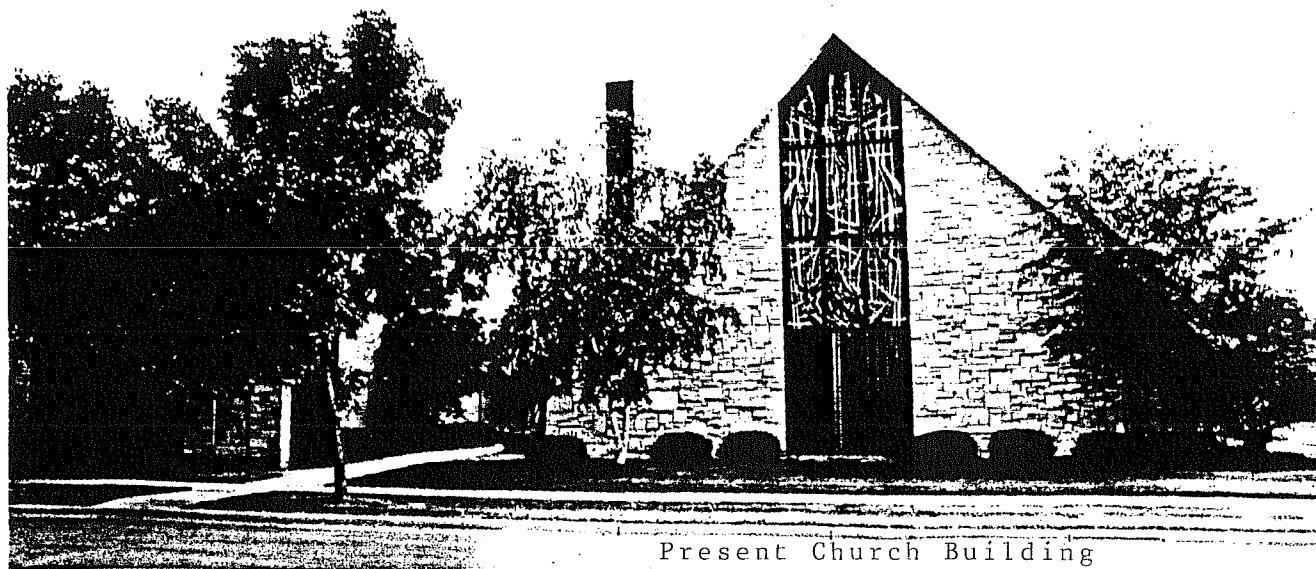
St. John's Churches: Past and Present



First Church Building, 515 East Main Street



Second Church Building: 1902-'74



Present Church Building

St. John's History at a Glance

1875

German Lutherans travel from Sparta to Ridgeville

1880

St. John's Lutheran Church organized

1921

Pastor Berg Installed

1955

Pastor Winkel Installed

1974

New Church Built

1983

Pastor Braun Installed

1987

Pastor Dummann Installed

1993

Pastor Begalka Installed