

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

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The following paper is offered as a direct request from the church historian at Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church in Pewaukee, Wisconsin, Mrs. Laretta Wieland. In preparing for the congregation's centennial celebration in 1987, she ran into difficulties in finding information on some of the pastors who had served her church--the congregation she was born and raised in, the fellowship of believers with whom she has been associated her entire life.

Due to the fact that much of the material was to be found only in the archives, many thanks must be rendered to library assistant, Joel Pless, who did much of the research. I would also like to acknowledge the help received from my aunt, Lillian Zarling, who helped with some of the German.

The following biographies are not intended to be complete biographies of the men. They were written especially for the centennial booklet for Christ Lutheran Church, and are intended to supply information so the members of Christ Lutheran can place these men in the history of their congregation.

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#### + PASTOR WILLIAM F. RADAR +

Pastor Radar was the first pastor to serve Christ Lutheran Church in Pewaukee, Wisconsin. No definite information could be found regarding the school from which he would have graduated. If he was not a product of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO, he then would have graduated from the Wisconsin Synod Seminary which existed from 1878 to 1893 at Eimermann's Park on 13th and Vine Streets in Milwaukee.

He was never a resident pastor in Pewaukee. His role at Christ Lutheran Church came during his relatively long tenure at St. John's Lutheran Church in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, at which time he also served as the area circuit rider.

#### + PASTOR OSWALD LUNGENHEIM +

Very little information is available about this man. A positive identification cannot be made as to the school from which he graduated. No mention of him is made in the school records of the Seminary in Wauwatosa (which, however, did not exist until 1893); nor is he listed among the students at Concordia, St. Louis, MO (between 1870 and 1878 the Wisconsin Synod sent

its students to Concordia Seminary). The only other possibility is that he graduated from the Wisconsin Synod Seminary in Milwaukee (13th and Vine) which was operating in the years 1878 to 1893. However, there is no record of him there either.

His first traceable appearance on the pages of history comes from the 1890 edition of the Gemeindeblatt Kalendar in which he is listed as serving at Pewaukee. After his work in Pewaukee, he served congregations in Nicollet, Minnesota (1892-1898), and Annsburg, Wisconsin (until 1899). He resigned from his Call in Annsburg in 1899, and after that seems to have dropped completely out of sight.

+ PASTOR JULIUS HAASE +

Pastor Haase was privileged by the Lord to celebrate fifty-six years in the preaching ministry, and see five of his sons also serve the Lord in the pastoral office.

He was born on 15 December 1849 in Reichenbach, Schleswig. Because his parents recognized that the Lord has blessed him with many gifts, they enrolled him at the Mission School in Hermansburg to prepare for a life of service to the Lord. He did not, however, complete his preparation for the ministry overseas. In 1866 he immigrated and studied for a year at our school in Watertown, and then rounded off his pre-ministerial training by studying at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis.

He was ordained on 13 February 1872 at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Freedom, Wisconsin, by Pastor Ph. Brenner. From St. Peter's, he accepted a Call to Centerville, Wisconsin, and then moved on to St. Paul's, Fort Atkinson and Cold Spring, Wisconsin. In 1893 he accepted a Call to serve a parish in Ixonia, Wisconsin. It is from this church in Ixonia that Pastor

Haase served the members at Christ Lutheran. Ten years later he accepted a Call to Randolph, Wisconsin, and then to Michigan. Later, for the last years of his active ministry, he was called by the congregation he had served previously in Cold Spring, Wisconsin.

Pastor Haase died in 1927 after suffering a stroke earlier in that year. He never regained his strength after the stroke.

+ PASTOR ADOLPH BAEBENROTH +

Pastor Baebenroth was born on 9 December 1858. He attended Northwestern College in Watertown, and continued his studies at the Wisconsin Synod Seminary in Milwaukee, from which he graduated in 1881. His first pastorate was a congregation in Wilson, Minnesota. From there he accepted a Call to serve Salem Congregation in Milwaukee. In 1895 he accepted a Call to serve St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Milwaukee, where he served until 1922. During the time he served Salem, he became involved at Christ Lutheran in Pewaukee. Apparently his work at Pewaukee was confined to planning the first worship facility for the congregation. That church building was dedicated in 1894.

In 1922 Pastor Baebenroth resigned from St. Peter's because of failing health. He died on 8 May 1922, and funeral services were held at St. James Lutheran Church in Milwaukee.

+ PASTOR A. C. STOCK +

Pastor Stock is one of the more elusive of all the pastors traced in

this study.

He was graduated from the Seminary in Wauwatosa in 1904. Unfortunately, at that point in time, no names were calligraphed under the pictures of the men in that class. My grandfather was in the same graduating class. In recent years an effort has been made to associate the names of the members of the class with their pictures. Only two of those associations have not been made. Pastor Stock is one of the two who remains unidentified.

Records show only that Pastor Stock served congregations in Hartland and Neosho during the years 1904 to 1919. After that, he apparently dropped out of sight, and no more information is available.

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