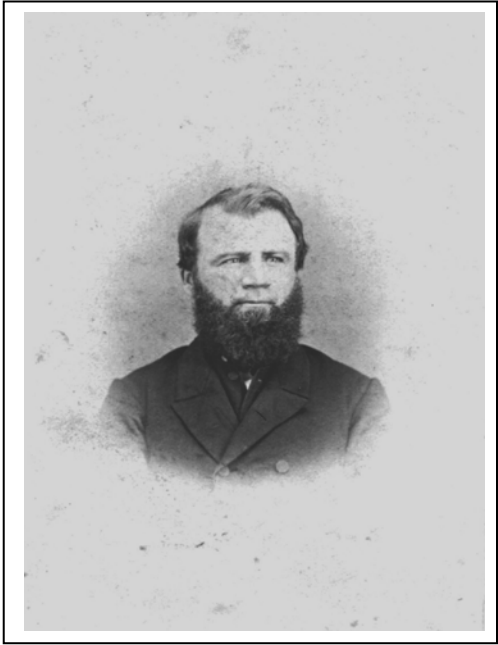




Charter Member
Hannah Harbison



Rev. and Mrs. J. K. Melhorn
1867-1871



Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Kitzmiller
1871-1881



Rev. John Fleming Heckert

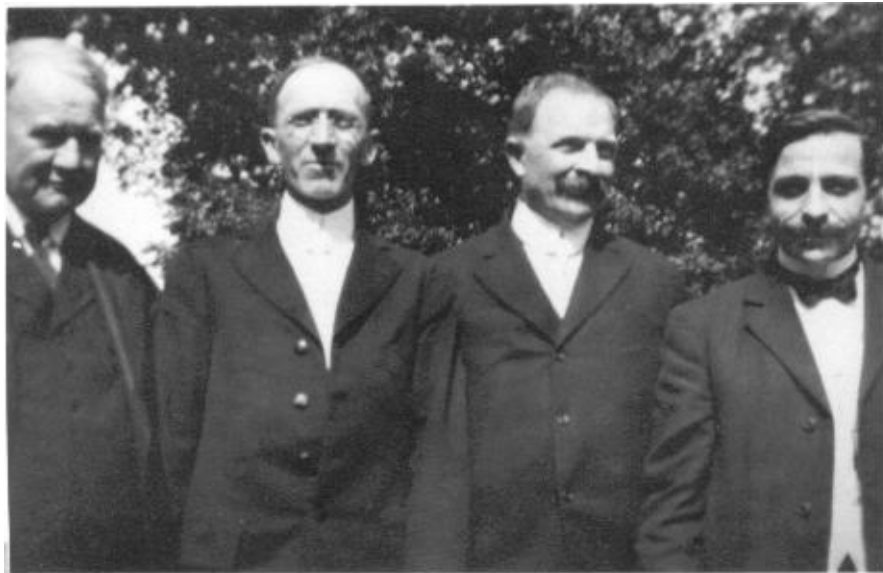
Only son of the congregation to enter the ministry.
He was the son of charter member, Mike Heckert.



Rev. George Diener
1922-1926



Pastor Herbert Martins
First Term: 1892-1895
Second Term: 1912-1921



Rev. Martins, Beisicker, Beighey, Frischkorn



Lydia and Norman Harter
1915



Rev. Oney and Wife
Supply Minister 1959-1960



The Oldest Ladies of St. Paul's Church

Taken August 7, 1929

1st Row: Mrs. Margaret Harbison Harvey, Mrs. Penrose,
Margaret Ekas Fleming (Charter Member)

Standing: Mrs. Susan Huey Drane, Mrs. Mary Schweitzer

(The following article was taken from an old newspaper clipping, the original copy is located in the "100th" Anniversary Pictorial Scrapbook.)

Morning and Afternoon Services Planned – Only One Charter Member Living

The 75th Anniversary of the organization of St. Paul's Lutheran Church at Sarver will be celebrated on Sunday with services both morning and afternoon. Members and friends throughout the county are invited to attend this home-coming celebration.

The morning service will be at 10:30 and the Rev. H. Reed Sheffer, master of Sacred Theology and president of the Pittsburgh Synod, will be the guest speaker.

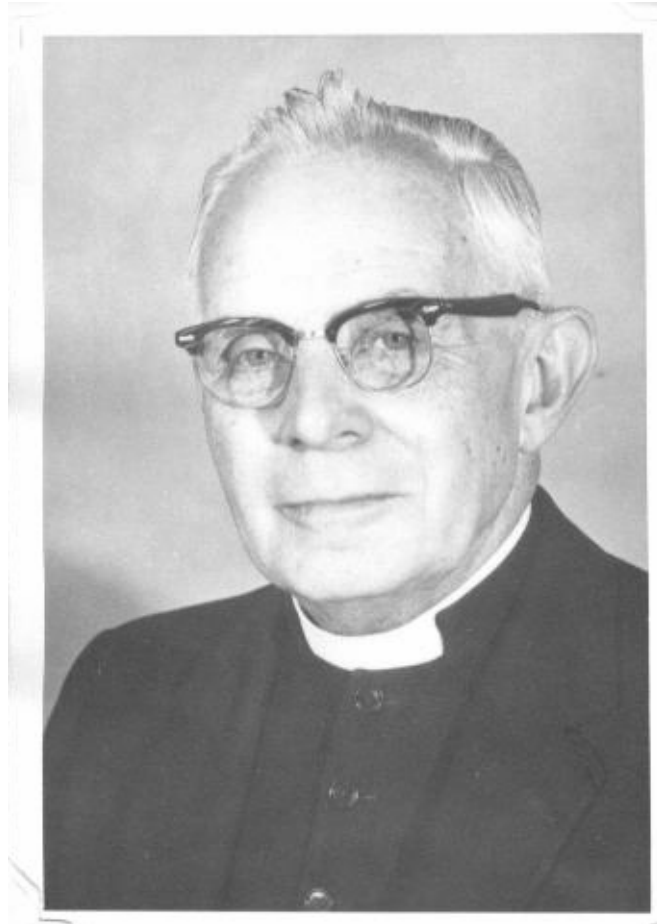
In the afternoon the service will start at 2:30 and speakers will be the Rev. John Heckert, retired, who is a son of the congregation, and former pastors: the Rev. John A. Beighey of Erie, the Rev. John A. Frishkorn of Farrell and the Rev. Elmer A. Ortner of Rochester. Mr. Ortner is a trustee at Thiel College, Greenville, and served as pastor of St. Luke's in Saxonburg at the same time he was pastor of St. Paul's. The present pastor, the Rev. Donald K. Fetterly, is also in charge of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Saxonburg and St. Matthew's Church, Sarver.

The only living charter member of the church is Mrs. Susan Huey Drane, who will be 90 years old on August 8th. Mrs. Drane suffered a stroke four years ago and is now confined to her room. She resides in Sarver and her son, Russell, and his family live with her. There are eight children in her family. One of her daughters, Mrs. Emily C. Sauter, is also a life-long member of the church and was organist there for almost 40 years. She is now postmistress of the Sarver district.

When the church was organized 75 years ago, there were twelve women and ten men in the congregation, and services were held in the Kelly School House before the first church was built. The picturesque cemetery is lined with a row of pine trees reaching into the sky. These trees are well over 100 years old.

The church was recently redecorated and painted inside and out. Hardwood floors and new lighting fixtures are but a few of the improvements. Behind the church altar is a beautiful painting of Christ praying at the rock of Gethsemane. This was placed there by members of the congregation.

A large crowd is expected for the celebration on Sunday and pastors of other churches will be present.



Rev. Elmer Ortner
1926-1930

SURPRISE PARTY

Rev. Elmer Ortner was tendered a pleasant surprise party on the evening of August 18 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Orrie Shuster of Cabot, Pa. During the evening Rev. Ortner was presented with a sum of money in gold. Music and games were the diversions of the evening after which a delectable lunch was served. Those present were: Rev. Ortner, Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Gundlach, Mr. and Mrs. William Falpner, Mr. Michael Mochel, Henry Gerner, Mr. and Mrs. Romer and daughter Anna, Mrs. Freda Kreutzer, Edward Rucigers and John Graham of Pittsburgh, James Preto of Tarentum, Mr. and Mrs. George Haas and children, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Smail and children, Mr. and Mrs. Orrie Shuster, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Heiler and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Heim and children, Misses Gertrude Gerner, Bertha Grossheim, Anna and Ruth Gundlach, Mr. John Gundlach and Alvin Shields



The following is an article from the Butler Eagle by Marian Foster Smith:)

Rev. Fetterly Complete 35 Years as Pastor – November 16, 1955

Last night the Rev. and Mrs. Fetterly were guests of honor at a surprise congregational dinner in the social rooms of St. Paul's Church. Pastors of neighboring churches and other specially invited guests attended the dinner honoring Pastor Fetterly who shared the joys and sorrows, the ups and downs of the community for a quarter of a century.

The Rev. and Mrs. Fetterly were invited dinner guests to the home of one of the members of the church, Mrs. Emily Sauter, and, on the way to the Sauter home they stopped at the church to see about some cards, as Mrs. Fetterly had been instructed to do. The pastor went downstairs to the dining room and found 150 people waiting to call "Surprise." It was a delightful scene he looked at, with smiling faces and a great birthday cake in the center of the speaker's table flanked by tall white tapers in crystal candelabra and tiny scroll menus and programs at each place tied with silver ribbon. Napkins bore the dates 1930-1955 and the pastor's name.

Another surprise was to find his brother, the Rev. Bernard Fetterly, director of the Rochester Home for Epileptics, his partner at the table. The Rev. Bernard Fetterly gave the invocation, which was followed by a welcome address by Mrs. Oliver William Grimm, a life-long member of the church and teacher for the past 35 years of the Ladies Bible Class.

Mrs. Marian Foster Smith of Sunset View Farm, Saxonburg, was master of ceremonies, introducing the program. Preceding dinner, Mrs. Carroll Gray of Cabot sang two selections, "If I Could Tell You,;" from the Firestone Hour, and "The Lord Is My Shepherd," by Little, with Marilene Falkner as her accompanist. Mrs. Gray, soprano soloist with the Allegheny Ludlum Male Chorus, and stage and concert singer, is well-known in the Allegheny Valley and in Pittsburgh.

The Ladies Aid Society of St. Paul's Church was in charge of arrangements for the anniversary dinner. Mrs. Robert Downey, president of the Ladies Aid; Mrs. Wilbur Schickline, first vice president; Mrs. Bertha Hollman, second vice president; Mrs. Walter Wiegand, secretary; and Mrs. Maud Montgomery, treasurer. Mrs. Ross Bicker was general chairman for the dinner, with Mrs. Ch. H. Colwell as her co-chairman. Decorations and entertainment were in charge of Mrs. Colwell. Mrs. Lillian Cypher and Mrs. Ferd Sarver. Mrs. Robert Stobert, Mrs. Albert Heim and Mrs. Robert Downey were in charge of cooking arrangements.

Guests and visiting pastors at the speakers' table were introduced by Toastmaster Marian Foster Smith, and responded with brief congratulatory greetings. Included were the Rev. Talmage Wilson of Clinton UP Church; the Rev. & Mrs. H. L. Henthorne of the Cabot and Ekastown Methodist Churches; the Rev. & Mrs. Bernard Fetterly of Rochester; Mrs. Lyle Lassinger, daughter of the honored guest; the Rev. & Mrs. Carl Siegwarth, of the Saxonburg Memorial Presbyterian Church; the Rev. & Mrs. Charles Holsinger of Buffalo and Westminster Presbyterian Churches; Mr. & Mrs. Oliver W. Grimm, Mrs. Emily Sauter, Mrs. Robert Downey, Church Council Member and Mrs. John Freehling, Mr. & Mrs. Fred Fritch, and Ralph Stobert, James Preto, John Boyer, Walter Wiegand Church Council Members with Mrs. Freehling.

A group of five girls provided music during dinner, and were introduced. The group included Delores Bicker, Marilene Falkner, Diane, Bonita and Nancy Preto. The Men's Chorus of Sarver sang twice, their numbers being "Twilight is Falling," "I Want My Life to Tell for Jesus," "The Secret Place" and "Never Grow Old" with Clair Halstead bringing greetings to Rev. Fetterly from the Chorus. Mrs. Lilly Cogley accompanied the chorus at the piano.

Mrs. Bertha Hollman gave a reading, "Our Minister's Sermon." Mrs. Kenneth Toy spoke on "Anniversaries." She was one of the first girls the pastor married when he came to the church 25 years ago. Mrs. James Preto and daughter, Candice, gave a skit, "In the Bakery Store."

[The following excerpt is taken from the March 28, 1982 Service of Dedication of Heide Hall.]



August W. Heide was born in Greensburg, Pennsylvania on January 12, 1931. He graduated from Hurst High School in Mount Pleasant Township in 1949; from Thiel College in Greenville, Pa. in 1953; and from Northwest Lutheran Theological Seminary in Minneapolis, Minnesota in 1957. Between his second and final years in seminary, Pastor Heide served as an intern pastor for St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Erie, Pa. and for Homer City Parish in Indiana County, Pa. Ordained at the Pittsburgh Synod Convention in June 1957, he was called to be a mission developer at Waterford, Pa. He stayed on as the first pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Waterford. While serving, he married Susan Duran. In September of 1960, Pastor Heide began his ministry at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Sarver, Pa. Two children, Jill and Carl, were born to the Heides during their stay in Sarver.

In June of 1967, Pastor Heide was called to serve St. John's Lutheran Church, Dravosburg, Pa., where he remained until his untimely death on April 8, 1973. He served the Western Pennsylvania West Virginia Synod as Evangelism Committee Chairman and also as a missionary to the Jewish Community in McKeesport, Pa.

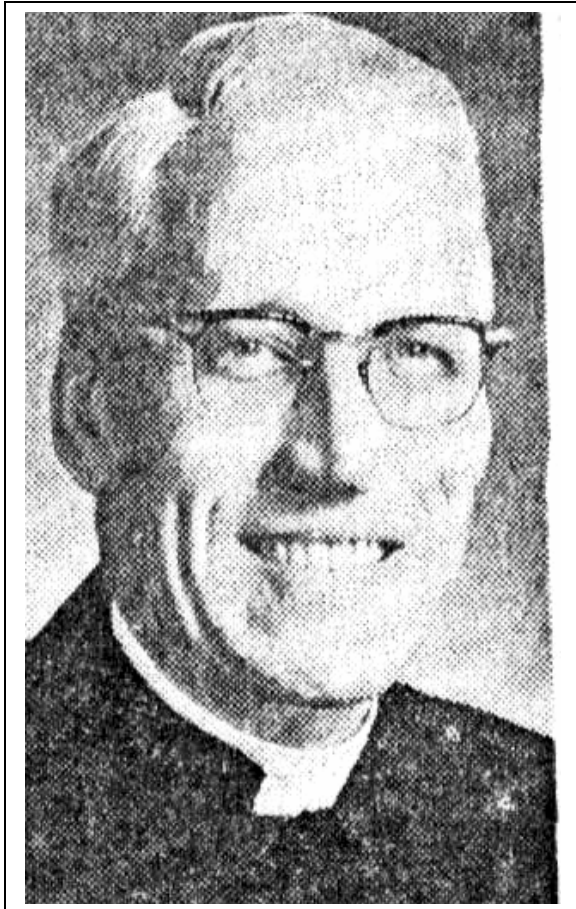
"Auggie" was a "Country Boy" at heart and enjoyed the rural surroundings at St. Paul's. His favorite pastimes were square dancing and hunting deer and small game. As Pastor of St. Paul's, he was always "A Friend in Need and a Friend in Deed".



The Rev. Williamsen was a registered engineer employed by Westinghouse, Pittsburgh, before entering the ministry. He was ordained by the Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago.

Rev. Williamsen and his family were residents of Brownsville near Bethel Park and were members of North Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Baldwin Borough. Nine active years as layman greatly influenced his decision to enter the ministry.

Pictured: The Rev. & Mrs. Ann Williamsen and their sons, Mark, Paul, and Ralph.



Pastor La Fontaine is a native of Tiffin, Ohio, and was educated at Wittenburg University and the Hamma School of Theology. He earned an A.B. and B.D. degrees and in 1967 achieved the S.T.M. degree from the Concordia Lutheran Seminary in St. Louis, Mo.

He was on the board of American Missions for nine years and also served as a board member for the Lutheran Churches of America Missionary Services which were also part of his duties in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

Parishes served by the new pastor at St. Paul's range from Ohio and Pennsylvania to Nebraska. Rev. La Fontaine's last parish was at the Maria Lutheran Church in Vogus Mines, Pa. At Saint James Lutheran Church in Youngstown, a new educational unit was built during Pastor La Fontaine's stay.

Hobbies enjoyed by Pastor La Fontaine include stamp collecting, a hobby started in 1939, photography; fishing and traveling are also high on the list