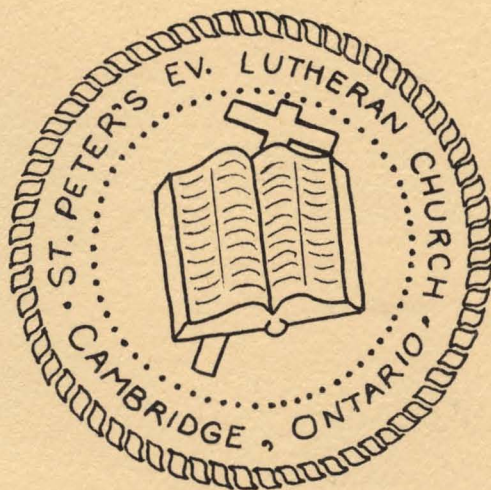


St. Peter's

Cambridge



1834 - 1984

COVER: The seal of the congregation by Bonnie Fischer.

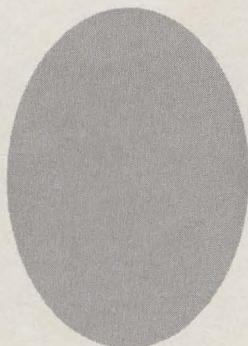
Dedicated

. . . to the founders of St. Peter's
Evangelical Lutheran Church who
organized and nurtured the congregation
and to Almighty God who has blessed us
and brought us to this Sesquicentennial
Year.

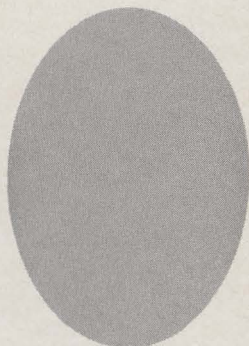
PASTORS WHO SERVED ST. PETER'S



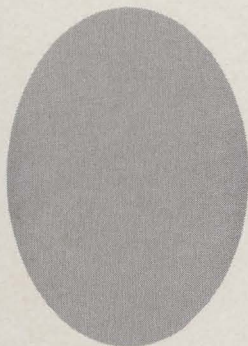
F.W. Bindemann
1834 - 1838



Jacob Huettner
1838 - 1849



Frederick Hildebrandt
1849 - 1850



Jacob Hoelsche
1850 - 1854



Immanuel Wurster
1854 - 1881



Frederick Kern
1886 - 1887



C. Schroeder
1881 - 1886



T. Snyder
1887 - 1895

PASTORS WHO SERVED ST. PETER'S



C.C.J. Maass
1895 - 1907



C.J. Lucas
1908 - 1914



Yost Brandt
1914 - 1915



M. Voelker
1915 - 1919



Wm. H. Knauff
1919 - 1953



James S. Dauphinee
1953 - 1966



Herbert O. Hartig
1967 - 1980



Norris D. Heubner
1980 -



A Message from the Pastor

As I read the history of St. Peter's, I am reminded of God's Word to Jeremiah, "I am watching over my Word to perform it."

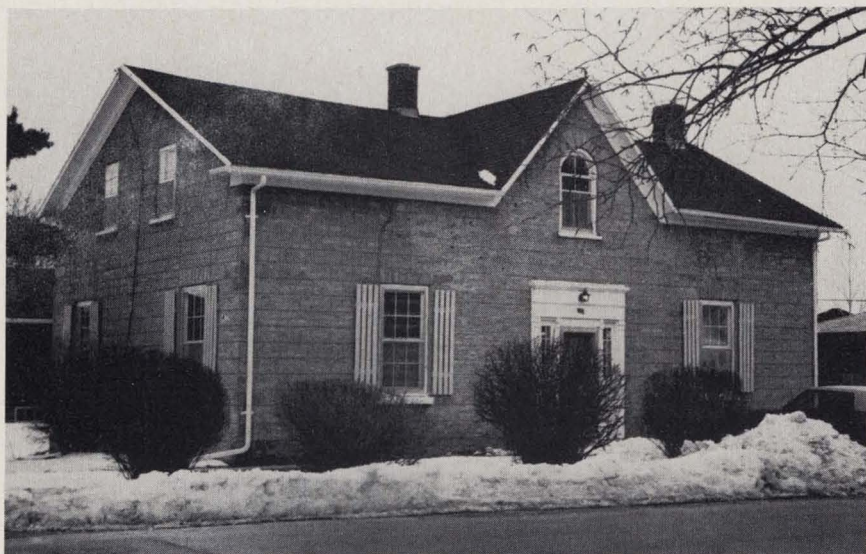
How applicable those words are to this congregation. It seems that from the beginning there has always been one struggle after another. And yet our forefathers were willing to share the results of God's love in their lives, "God watching over His Word to perform it."

God's Word has been proclaimed and lived, not only through Word and Sacrament, but also through the other avenues of nurture and witness, e.g., Sunday Church School, Vacation Church School and Confirmation classes. No doubt the importance attached to Christian education was a determining factor which led the congregation to erect an educational unit in 1957. The strong emphasis was probably also a factor which led three sons of the congregation into the ordained ministry. "God watching over His Word to perform it."

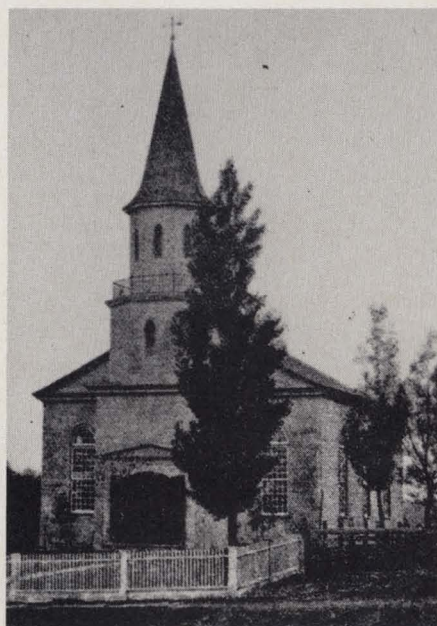
Records indicate that the congregation has also supported missions, Canadian Lutheran World Relief and other similar projects. This is particularly evident this year as you voted to directly support missionary Barry Lang in Liberia, West Africa. "God watching over His Word to perform it."

It is obvious that God certainly has "watched over His Word" during the past one hundred and fifty years. What the future holds is not for us to know. However, we do know that it too lies in God's Hands and therefore calls forth from us our best; our best energy, time, talents, money and above all our personal commitment to Jesus Christ and His Church. In the years ahead, when others read our history in this congregation, may they too be lead to say with Jeremiah, "God has indeed been watching over His Word to perform it."

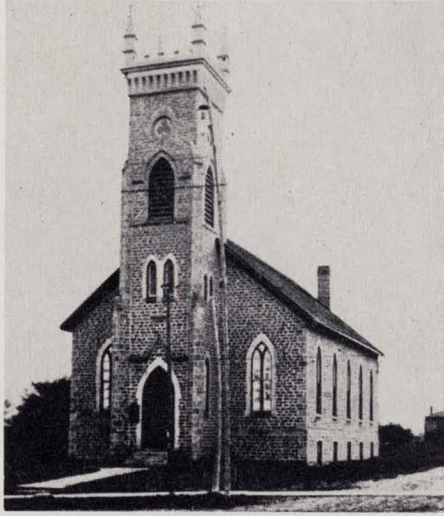
Pastor Norris Heubner



The first Lutheran church, a stone building, was built in approximately 1835 at the corner of Queenston Road and Montrose Street. This building still stands and is now a private home.



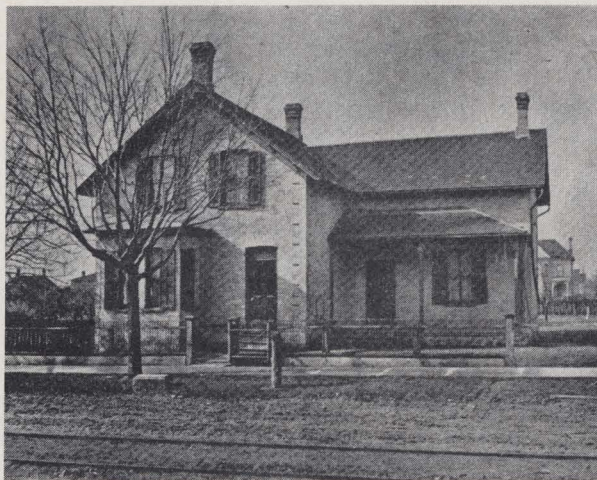
In 1837 the present property was purchased for "a lawful pound of Canadian money". A frame building was erected. The bell for the new church was hauled by team from Buffalo by Messrs. Boos and Volkman in 1838.



On August 21, 1887 the cornerstone was laid for the present church building and was built at a cost of "about \$10,000".



In 1957, a fellowship hall and additional class rooms and offices were added to the church built in 1887.



On May 19th, 1882, land for the first parsonage was purchased for \$100 from the estate of the late John Maier. This property was sold in 1913 or 1914 for \$6,000. Part of the parsonage still stands and now houses the Frazer-Forbes Insurance office at 730 King Street East.



The second parsonage was completed in 1914 on property adjacent to the church on Church St. This building was removed in 1980 to make way for a Senior Citizens complex.



St. Peter's Place, a 64 unit senior citizens complex was built in 1980-81 at a cost of approximately \$2,000,000.

FIRST CHURCH COUNCIL

Jacob Roos
John Specht
Michael Roos
H. Allemang
H. McNelly

PRESENT CHURCH COUNCIL

Ted Dopp
Robert Jones
Jann Newton
Frank Hower
Sylvia Nispel
Lorre Calder

Don Fischer
Jane Brewer
Doug Claydon
Richard Braun
William Hammer
Betty Zohr



Seminarian Peter Lisinski 1983 - 1984.

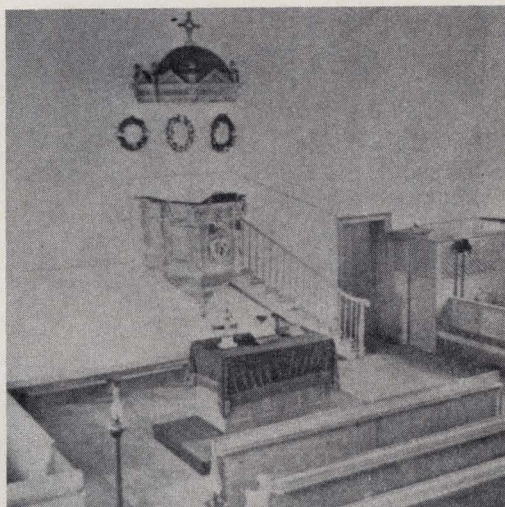


Our oldest life time member, Amiel Knack and our youngest member, Nathan Garret Matthews.

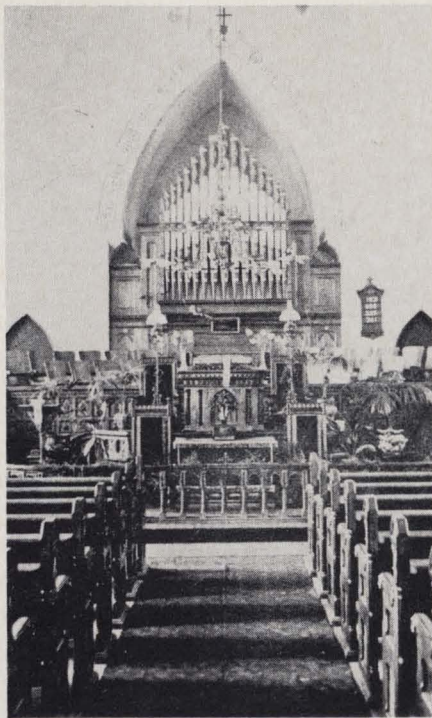
BRIEF HISTORY

- 1834 December 1st, German Evangelical Church, St. Peter's was organized by the Rev. F.W. Bindeman.
- 1836 A stone church, corner of Queenston Road and Montrose Street was built by the Rudel Brothers.
- 1837 The present church site was purchased. The first full-time Pastor was called.
- 1839 A frame church, 50' x 40' was dedicated as "Christ Church" to be used by all denominations but the Lutherans had first choice. This church was also known as "The Old Frame Church".
- 1850 Congregation was split.
- 1854 The Rev. Immanuel Wurster became pastor. Under his guidance the congregation was reunited. Unable to pay its debt, the church building was sold by court order for \$460.
- 1859 The congregation was able to purchase the deed to the church property from four laymen who had purchased the deed when it was sold by the sheriff in 1854.
- 1882 The first parsonage was built on King Street.
- 1886 The plans for the building of a stone church were approved. The old church was rolled away and construction on the present building began.
- 1887 August 21st, the cornerstone was laid.
- 1889 The present church officially dedicated. The construction cost was approximately \$10,000.
- 1906 The mortgage was burnt.
- 1913 A new brick parsonage was built on property adjacent to the church where the Lutheran cemetery had once been.
- 1928 A pipe organ was installed and the church was redecorated.
- 1934 The 100th Anniversary was celebrated.
- 1935 The regular German language worship services were discontinued but to be held in the future at the discretion of the Church Council.
- 1944 A building committee was selected to plan for an educational unit but the support was very minimal.

- 1954 A new building committee was appointed to pursue the plans begun in 1944.
- 1958 The dedication service for the new Educational unit and rededication of the renovated church was held.
- 1971 A new tracker organ was purchased.
- 1972 The mortgage on the educational unit was burnt.
- 1973 The new organ was installed followed by chancel renovations.
- 1980 The parsonage was removed to make way for St. Peter's Place, a 64 unit Senior Citizens complex.
- 1981 St. Peter's Place was opened.
- 1984 150th Anniversary of St. Peter's.



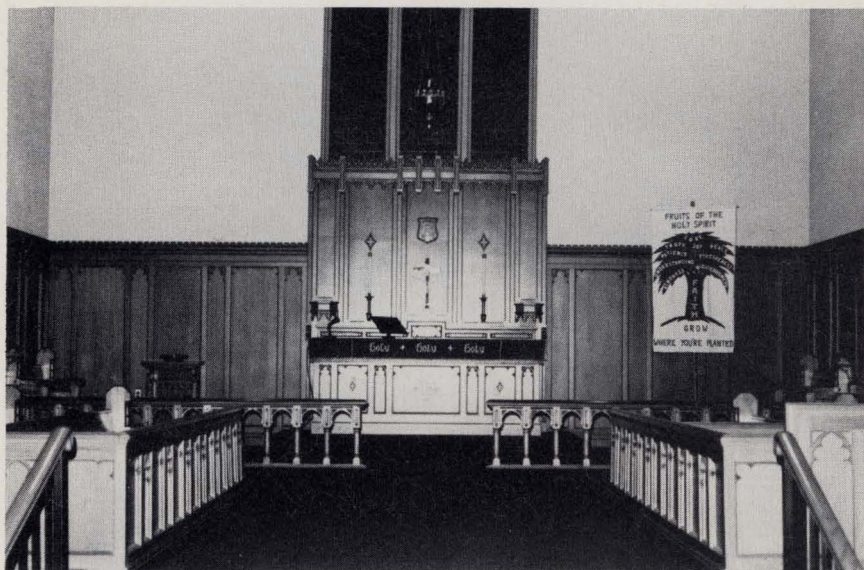
Early Interior



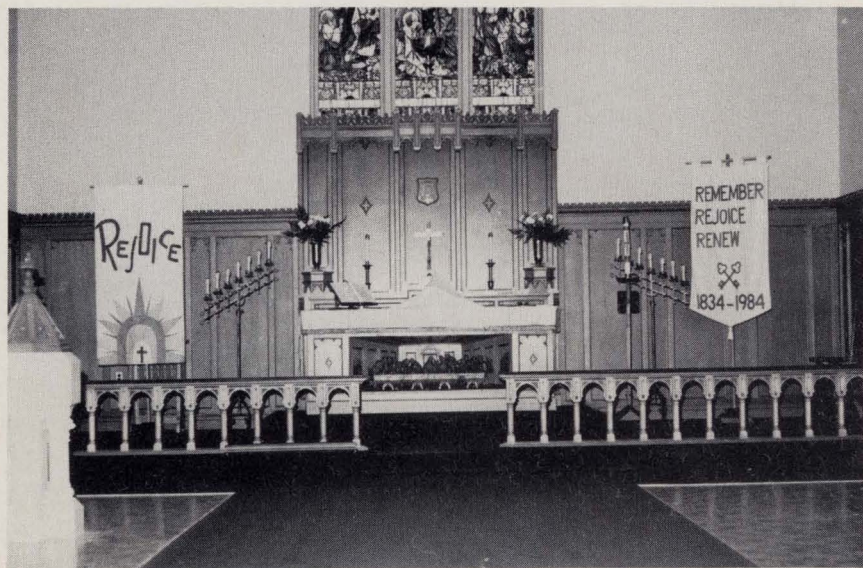
Interior 1909



Interior 1934



Interior 1974



Interior 1984

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 1	9:30 a.m.	Prayer for God's Blessing. Begin to support missionary Barry Lang, Liberia, West Africa.
February 12	10:30 a.m.	<i>Seminary Sunday</i> Dr. Delton Glebe, Dean, Guest Speaker. \$500 Seminary Endowment Fund gift presented.
March		Special Lenten Music with guests.
April 15	7:30 p.m.	Palm Sunday, <i>Ecumenical Worship Service</i> with a massed choir made up from local churches.
April 29	10:30 a.m.	<i>Home Missions</i> , guest speaker will be the Rev. Albert Lorch, assistant to the Bishop of the E.C.S.
May 10-13		<i>World Hunger</i> emphasis with the Rev. Vern Cronmiller, director of the L.C.A. World Hunger Appeal, as guest.
June		<i>Sunday Church School</i> emphasis, program and picnic.
July-August		No special events scheduled at this time.
September 23	10:30 a.m.	<i>Sons of the Congregation Sunday</i> — Karl Knauf, Charles Dechert, Harold Brill.
October 20	6:00 p.m.	<i>Congregational Dinner & Fellowship Evening</i>
October 21	10:30 a.m.	<i>Former Pastor Sunday</i> James Dauphinee, Eric Reble, Herb Hartig.
November		<i>Youth Month</i>
November 18	10:30 a.m.	A representative from <i>Lutherwood</i> as guest.
December 2	10:30 a.m.	<i>Anniversary Service</i> The Rev. Dr. William Huras, Bishop of the Eastern Canada Synod, Lutheran Church in America, guest.

OUR HERITAGE

“He shall choose our inheritance for us.”

Psalms 47-4

One hundred years and fifty. How long and yet
how brief within the history of man.
And as we worship we would not forget
the roots from which our present life began.
This place of adoration and of prayer
was builded by our fathers in the past,
footsteps have come and gone upon the stair,
and hearts found comfort in a faith steadfast.

Today with our brave heritage of years,
fearless we face a future veiled in night,
aware we have a God who always hears
our prayers and changes darkness into light.
O God, without whose kingdom man is poor,
enable us to trust and to endure.

— *Clara Bernhardt*

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