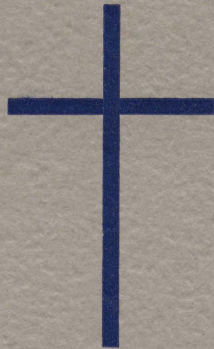


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*St. Peter's
Evangelical Lutheran Church
Preston, Ontario*

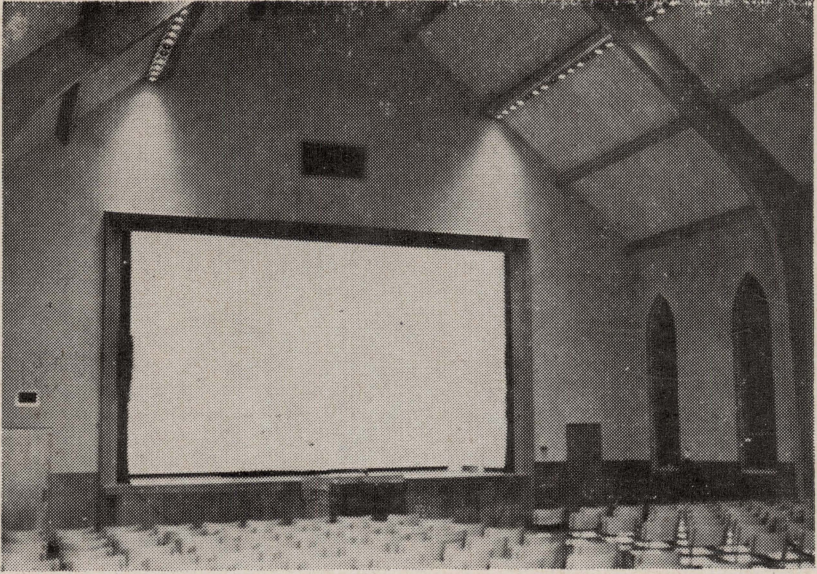


DEDICATION SERVICE

of the

*Educational Unit
and
Fellowship Hall*

SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 1958



THE FELLOWSHIP HALL — 1958 — EDUCATIONAL UNIT

Our Expression of Gratitude

It is difficult to know where to begin because there have been so many who have been ready and willing to spend themselves and their services together with their gifts and abilities in this great program. Our gratitude goes first to our Heavenly Father and the help of His Holy Spirit who with the love of Christ have made it possible for us to witness and experience this day.

We further want to express our appreciation and thanks to the men of the Building Committee, the Plans and Construction Committee, the Architectural Committee, the many members, men and women, who participated in the original survey and study groups, to those who worked with us in our capital funds program, to the Church Council, and the men of the congregation who assisted us in our work parties. Mention must be made of all that was accomplished in rebuilding, cleaning and refinishing our church pews, the planning involved and the work done on the panelling and tracery for the chancel and nave of the church.

The Ladies of the Congregation have assisted us in every request we made of them and are continuing to work to further beautify our church and educational facilities. To every organization and member of our congregation is expressed our sincerest appreciation for all your gifts as you have given them in this Program for Christian Advancement.

Acknowledgements

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THE CHURCH INTERIOR — 1934 - 1958

Special Gifts

The Red Paraments and Stole	-	-	-	-	<i>Miss Mary Weiberg</i>
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Piano	- - - - -	<i>Mrs. Fred Fischer</i>
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THE CHURCH INTERIOR — 1958

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Our Dedication Program

SUNDAY, APRIL 20—The Rededication Service - 11:00 a.m.
Liturgists—Pastors A. L. Conrad, J. S. Dauphinee.
Sermon—Dr. A. G. Jacobi, President of the Canada Synod.

SUNDAY, APRIL 20—Dedication of Educational Unit - 7:00 p.m.
Liturgists—Seminarian Chas. Dechert, Rev. James S. Dauphinee.
Sermon—Dr. R. Ray Houser, President of Waterloo Seminary.

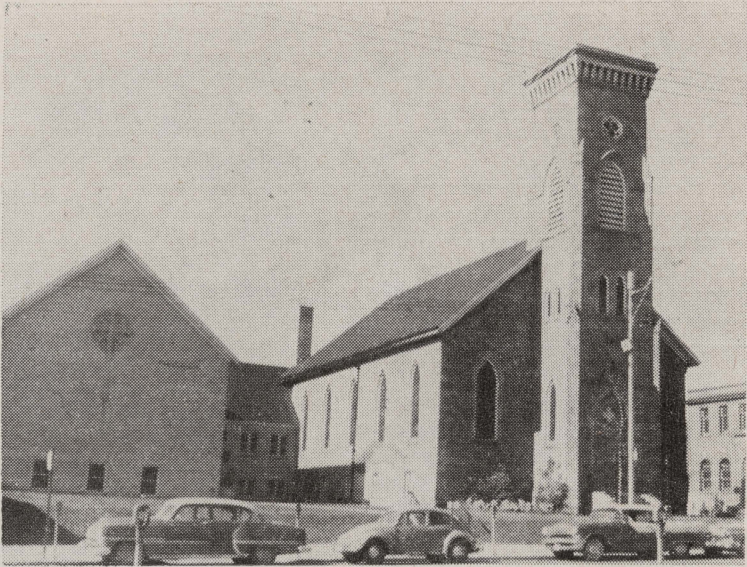
TUESDAY, APRIL 22—Conference and Community Night - 8:00 p.m.
Liturgists—Pastors A. Baetz, W. Goos, J. S. Dauphinee.
Sermon—Rev. Karl J. Knauff, Pastor of St. Luke's, Kitchener.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23—Loyalty and Fellowship Dinner, 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 27—Confirmation Service - - 11:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 27—Adult Confirmation Service - 7:00 p.m.

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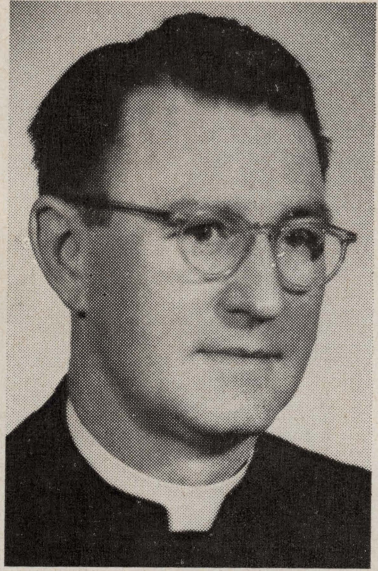
“Except the Lord build the house they labour
in vain that build it.” Psalm 127: 1

*This is the house of God that men have built,
Of quarried stone and steel and wood and brass;
This is the place where man with all his guilt
Of sin may come as generations pass;
Within this sanctuary filled with light,
Resounding with the music of the years,
Our burdens lift, the soul casts off its night,
And praise elates the heart as Christ appears.*

*This is the house of God; we would not scar
Its beauty by a desecrating hand,
Yet we who are His temple often mar
The pattern He in love and wisdom planned.
May we resolve to pledge anew this day
Our wayward selves, to His more perfect way.*

A Message from the Pastor

The Rededication Service for our beautifully renovated Church and the Dedication Service for our new Educational Facilities and Fellowship Hall are without question another milestone in the life and history of a Congregation of Believers, whose beginnings go back almost a hundred and twenty-five years. These recent years of planning and prayer, together with your gifts of love and willing hearts and hands, made one by Him in the Spirit of God, have made all this possible. We are happy and humbly grateful to our Heavenly Father for all that He has accomplished. I am especially grateful to have been your pastor in these days and deem it a privilege to participate and share with you not alone in the building program but also in these Services of Dedication and Praise.



As great as this program was and will continue to be, may it be but an indication of what great things we are capable of doing in building together for the Kingdom of God. It is my humble prayer that as we now rededicate and set apart our place of worship and the new facilities for teaching of His Word, that we may find grace sufficient to use them all to the Honour and Glory of His Holy Name and moulding and building of lives entrusted to our care.

I am sure that all we have done and hope to do has not been for our own satisfaction and pride but that the beauty and splendour of all our churchly appointments and teaching facilities, is and will continue to be only a small expression of our sense of gratitude and praise for all that God has done for us through Christ our Lord.

May we then rededicate ourselves into His Service in order that it might be said as Luke had written, "And they worshipped Him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and were continually in the temple, praising and blessing Him".

*Come Thou now, and be among us,
Lord and Maker, while we pray;
Let Thy presence fill the temple
Which we dedicate today;
And, Thyself its Consecrator,
Dwell within its wall alway.*



THE CHURCH COUNCIL

Front Row, left to right: Howard Harper, Harry Prange, Rev. J. S. Dauphinee, Jack Davison, Sylvester Kannamacher, Secretary.

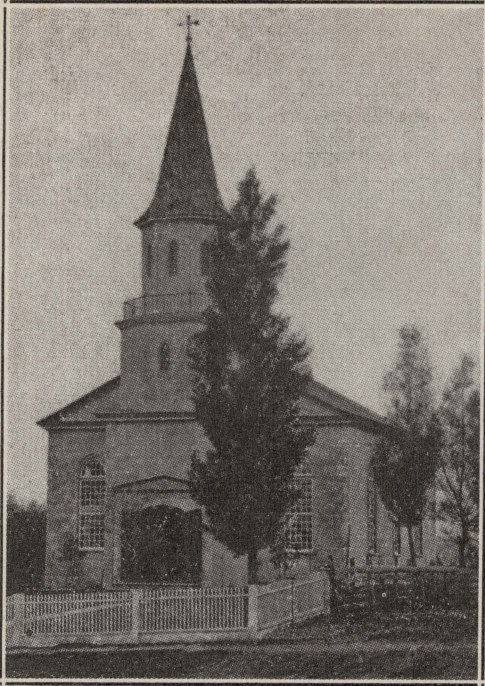
Back Row, left to right: Syd Roberts, Harold Schultz; Leslie Leith, Lay Chairman; John Reidl, Alton Bennett.

A brief history of St. Peter's Lutheran Church

*"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God."*

The history of Lutheranism in Preston goes back nearly a century and a quarter, when the first German-Lutheran congregation was organized by the Rev. F. W. Bindemann. This pioneer pastor travelled by foot and on horseback over roads newly opened through deep forests, and because of him, the Word of God was first preached in this district. In the pages of St. Peter's first "Kirchenbuch" we read that "this congregation was organized under the guidance of Almighty God on December 1st, 1834, and may God give His heavenly blessings unto the end of time to the congregation's development and progress, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen".

Worship was conducted in a schoolhouse and in private homes until the Lutheran Rudel brothers built a stone structure known as Rudel's Church at what is now the corner of Queen and Montrose Streets. It eventually became a dwelling, and still stands as sturdy as ever. Unfortunately dissensions arose and in 1837 the Lutherans decided to build a church. The present property — one quarter acre from the John Erb survey was purchased for one pound, lawful Canadian money. The remarkably low price was in order that the village's first church might be erected with the understanding that other Christian denominations could also worship therein . . . "to be called Christ Church and free for all denominations of Christians at any time when not occupied by the Lutherans or German Presbyterians of the village".



THE OLD FRAME CHURCH — 1839

organ and beautiful stained glass windows; and altar with a replica of the Lord's Supper. In 1934 our centennial was celebrated. About this time serious discussion took place about building a parish hall, and a Building Fund was opened with an initial donation of \$50.00 from the late Peter Bernhardt. Nothing definite was accomplished, and when World War II began, the matter was set aside. In 1952, to commemorate the golden anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schultz, their sons had beautiful carillon bells installed in St. Peter's and ever since we have been able to enjoy the hymns played.

Over the years St. Peter's has been served by fourteen pastors, some for just a year or so, others for longer terms. Of the latter were Rev. Immanuel Wurster (27 years), Rev. C. C. J. Maass (12 years) and Rev. W. H. Knauff (34 years). Under the latter's pastorate many of the present congregation were baptized, confirmed and married and brought their own children to the font. After his death in April 1953, a call was extended to Rev. James S. Dauphinee. We were happy to welcome him as our pastor in October of 1953.

On July 11th, 1954 the church council recommended that a building committee of five be appointed because the existing facilities for Sunday School were being increasingly overtaxed. The men elected were Harvey Goos, Dr. H. G. Miller, Frank Murray, Harold Schultz, and Elmer Thorman, with power to add additional members as required.

In June 1953 the Brix property adjacent to the church was purchased, an option having been held for some years previously. This proved to have been a wise move, for when the time of building came, we had the land and needed only to raze the existing old buildings. Meanwhile the building committee had been busy appointing sub-committees to make a survey and study of our future needs. Eight committees comprising from six to a dozen members, were named: Worship and Religious Arts, Fellowship and Recreation, Women's Interest, Plans and Construction, Finance and Promotion, Furnishings and Equipment, Administration and Special Facilities and Christian Education.

On our present site an attractive frame church fifty by forty feet was built from timber donated from Cowan's bush. In the sixty foot tower was hung a new bell which had been brought from Buffalo by horse and wagon by two enthusiastic church members. As far as can be learned from several older members, this same bell summons us to worship, its tones grown richer with the passage of time. In the fall of 1839 the little church was dedicated. As the years passed, membership increased, and the old frame building needed major repairs. It was then decided to build a stone church at a cost of \$10,000. A local quarry supplied the stone, and in 1889, after many struggles and trials, our present church was consecrated. There was a heavy mortgage until 1911 when it was joyously burned at a congregational service.

From time to time improvements were made within the church structure; installation of a two manual

These men and women met regularly over the ensuing months until February 11th, 1956 when a congregational meeting was held, at which time they and the church council recommended that authority be given to secure professional assistance in raising money for the building program. This was passed, and at the semi-annual meeting on September 9th, 1956 the congregation voted in favour of proceeding with construction according to plans submitted at a basic cost of \$101,105.87.

It was on an afternoon with rain threatening, on the 8th of October, 1956 that we attended our ground breaking ceremony, the pastor turning the first sod. Participating were Rev. Karl Knauff, who preached the sermon; synodical representative, Rev. Norman Berner; Mr. John Sohrt, representing the congregation; church councilman, Mr. Don Cockburn; Mr. Harold Schultz, chairman of the Building Committee; Sunday School Superintendent, Mr. Elmer Thorman and Larry Feaver who represented the youth of the church. This ceremony was the first tangible evidence of the years of hoping and planning, and the words of the Psalmist came vividly to mind: "Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it".

During the autumn and early winter, the construction began and the foundations were laid, and we were reminded of the apostle Paul's words, "other foundation can no man lay than that is laid which is Jesus Christ". By January 27th, 1957 all was in readiness for the laying of the cornerstone. It was a cold and windy Sunday morning when this was done by our pastor, "Jesus Himself being the chief cornerstone". Harold Schultz and Don Cockburn assisted and Rev. Walter Goos of Fisherville delivered the address.

By mid September we were able to move into the Fellowship Hall for our services, as it was necessary to vacate the church proper for improvements to get under way there.

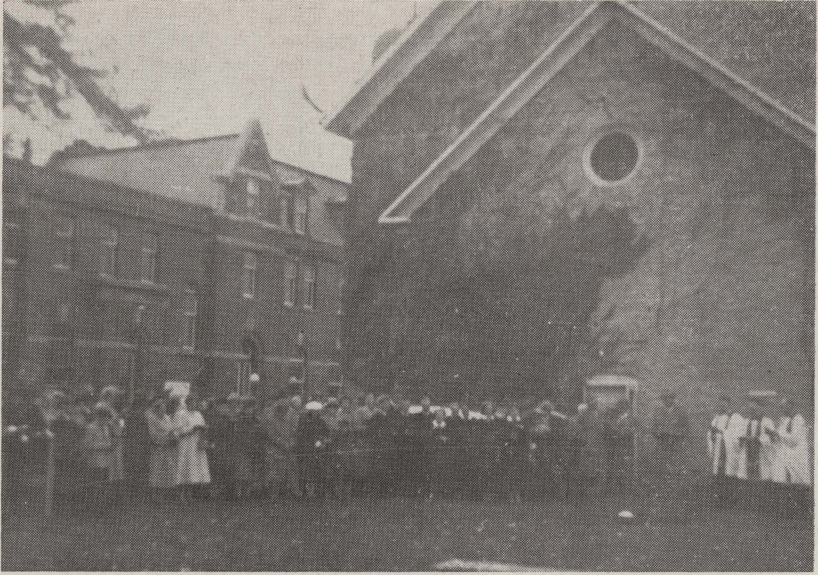
For most of our history, with the exception of the years 1935-1947, St. Peter's has been a member of the Canada Synod.

In October 1957 the Ladies' organizations of the Congregation agreed to accept and adopt the Unified Program of the Women of the Church and are now known as the United Lutheran Church Women, the official Women's Organization of our Church at large.

And now the building is completed. We are privileged to praise our God in a beautified place of worship as we and generations to come enjoy the fruits of the labour of past months. Today and all the days to follow, it is ours to obey the injunction of the Psalmist: "Praise ye the Lord. Praise God in His Sanctuary. Praise Him in the firmament of His power".



THE STONE CHURCH — 1889



GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY, OCTOBER 8th, 1956

Pastors James S. Dauphinee, Karl J. Knauff, Norman A. Berner

A description of St. Peter's Lutheran Church

St. Peter's Lutheran Church, a fine stone building of Gothic design, is located on a 132' x 340' lot at the corner of King and Church Streets, in the very centre of the town of Preston. It has a baptized membership of 1,151, confirmed membership of 714, with approximately 500 communing each year.

The Educational Unit, which has a separate entrance, is a two storey structure built of matching stone and gray brick. The Fellowship Hall will seat 250 for dining and 400 for regular seating and can be used for the usual recreational purposes, such as basketball, volleyball, badminton, etc. It has a 43' x 25' stage with two dressing rooms. Mastic tile has been laid throughout. Curtis lighting has been installed. The hall is connected to a well equipped kitchen with a service opening.

The basement of the Educational Unit is divided into two large rooms, serving the Beginners and Primary Departments. Additional Sunday School facilities for our 391 scholars and staff will be in the remodelled basement of the church. The old partitions have been removed and the floor lowered to the level of the new basement floor. This section will serve the Nursery, Junior, Intermediate and Senior Departments along with the Young People of the Sunday School. It also contains the choir rooms. All rooms are equipped with Peffer Sound System.

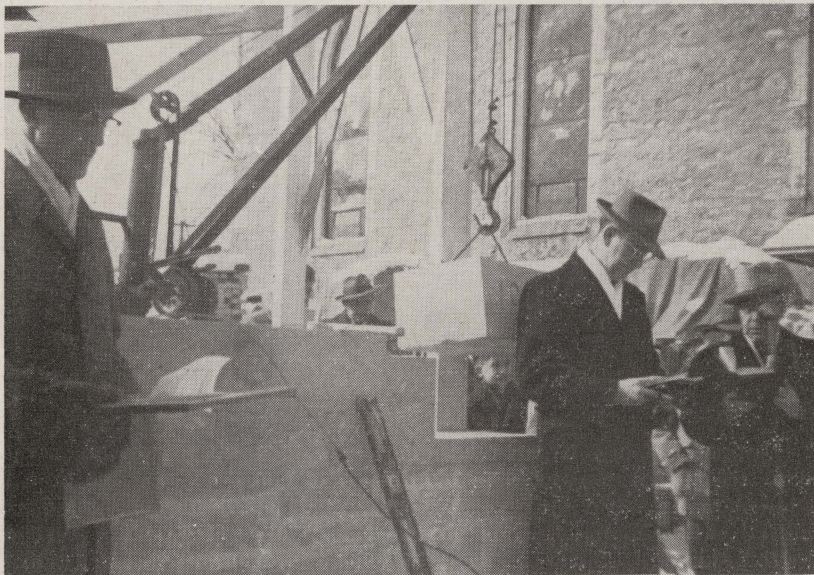
The Educational Unit is accessible to the church by a connecting wing which includes a spacious foyer, kitchen, pastor's study and sacristy, church office, washrooms and a working sacristy on the ground floor. The basement of the wing contains a small kitchenette, church parlours, and washrooms.

The interior of the church is completely altered and redecorated. A chancel has been built and altar, pulpit and lectern are rearranged. The organ and choir are in the chancel. The remodelling of the existing church includes a new gallery, new open ceiling and alterations to the narthex with a new side entrance from Church Street. Cathedral lighting of Westminster Gothic design has been installed. Chancel appointments and the panelling are of light oak. The changing of pews from four rows to two rows gave sufficient ends of the old valuable design to enable all pews in the nave, gallery and choir to be the same. The floor is hardwood with new carpeting in the chancel and aisles. The renovated church will provide seating for 400 in the nave and 40 in the choir.

Under the chancel, in addition to the boiler room, is a small chapel, approximately 13' x 24'. New oak pews have been donated and the Fink Memorial Altar will be used.

Both the old building and the addition are heated by a new oil heating system. A parking lot at the rear and new landscaping at the front complete the project. The building contains a floor area of 19,798 square feet and the contract amounted to \$198,248.87. Barnett and Rieder of Kitchener were the architects and the work was done by Oscar Wiles and Sons Ltd. of that city.

Architect fees, furnishings and other extras will raise the total cost of the building to approximately \$228,143.80. To help finance the project the congregation borrowed from the Bank of Montreal the amount of \$55,000 and from the Gore Insurance Co. the sum of \$85,000. The congregation to date has raised in cash, over \$95,000.



LAYING OF CORNER STONE — JANUARY 27th, 1957

Mr. Harold Schultz, Pastors James S. Dauphinee, Walter Goos