

St. John's
Evangelical Lutheran Church

Rev. C. S. Roberts, Pastor.



Ninety-fifth Anniversary
Sunday October 23rd to Sunday October 30th.

Introductory.

St. John's Lutheran Church on the happy occasion of her Ninety-Fifth Anniversary sends to all members and friends greetings and best wishes.

"Hitherto hath the Lord helped us," we thankfully exclaim as we look back at this time over almost a century of blessings freely and abundantly bestowed upon our congregation by the Lord.

Throughout that long period of time God's Word in its truth and purity has been the very center of our congregation's life, its light and guide, its source of comfort and strength. And in years to come, though unbelief increase on earth, though God's Word be rejected and despised by many, our congregation will ever cherish it as her most priceless possession. For to depart from its teachings would mean to cut herself off from the very fountain of her life and the source of her strength.

During the ninety-five years of her existence our congregation has had but one goal — to glorify God, to make known unto men Jesus Christ, their Saviour, to spread the Kingdom of God that faith, love, peace, hope and charity might increase on earth. Many of her sons she has, therefore, given to God who to-day are serving the Lord in the Gospel Ministry. Many of her women, in whose heart a love for Christ has been kindled, are earnestly seeking to pass on the light of God's saving grace and truth to the multitudes at home and in foreign lands who live in darkness and know not Jesus Christ, their Saviour and Redeemer.

Outwardly, too, the Lord has prospered and blessed our congregation. Our beautiful House of Worship and our attractive Parish Hall bear witness to the goodness of the Lord through whose blessings and mercies they have been made possible.

We, therefore, celebrate our Ninety-Fifth Anniversary with profound gratitude and sincere outpouring of our hearts to God. Not to ourselves do we owe all these blessings but to the goodness and grace of the Lord. And in Him we put our trust for the future. From the depths of our heart there goes up at this time the earnest prayer:

Abide with us our Saviour,
Thou Light of endless Light.
Increase to us Thy blessings
And save us by Thy might.

Not in our own uncertain strength and failing abilities do we trust. We lift up our eyes unto the hills from whence cometh our help. Our help cometh from the Lord which made heaven and earth.

Anniversary Program.

(A half-hour organ recital will precede the Sunday evening services,
Mr. Carl Bofinger presiding at the organ.)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23RD:

- 9.30 a.m.—Sunday School and Adult Bible Class. Address by
Rev. E. Bockelmann, D.D.
- 10.45 a.m.—German Anniversary Service. Sermon by Rev. E.
Bockelmann, D.D.
- 7.00 p.m.—English Anniversary Service. Sermon by Rev. W. H.
Knauff, Preston, Ont.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24TH:

- 8.15 p.m.—Young People's Rally. Greetings by Rev. E.
Bockelmann, D.D.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 26TH AND THURSDAY, OCT. 27TH:

Congregational Supper by the Ladies' Aid from 5.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28TH:

- 8.15 p.m.—Men's Rally sponsored by the Men's Society.

REFORMATION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30TH:

- 9.30 a.m.—Sunday School and Adult Bible Class.
- 9.45 a.m.—German Service. Sermon by Rev. H. Henkel.
- 11.00 a.m.—English Service. Anniversary Sermon by the pastor,
Rev. C. S. Roberts.
- 7.00 p.m.—Rally Service of Confirmants of last ten years.
Address by John H. Lauman, President of the Luther
League of Canada, and by the pastor, Rev. C. S.
Roberts.

Music at the different services will be rendered by the Senior Choir,
the Young People's Choir and the Men's Chorus under the direction of
Mrs. G. Schmidt.



Anniversary Objective.

What member would not like to see the debt on our Parish Hall cancelled this Fall? That is, indeed, the goal our congregation has set for itself as an anniversary objective. To many this may seem an impossible task during these days of depression and unemployment to raise \$8,300.00, the amount owing on our Parish Hall the beginning of this year. However, if all members co-operate the goal will be reached. Hitherto many of our people have not contributed toward the Parish Hall debt fund. All should have the joy and satisfaction, though, of making a contribution. For the Parish Hall serves all our members, young and old, and is invaluable for our Sunday school work.

Enclosed is a Special Offering Envelope which is being sent to all members. Some have already made a large contribution. If they had not our debt would be considerably more than \$8,300.00. But the committee in charge of liquidating the debt firmly believes that on this joyful occasion of our congregation's ninety-fifth anniversary many may feel inclined to make an extra donation. Members still owing on their subscription can enclose the balance in the envelope, not forgetting to put their name on it, and the amount will be credited to their subscription. Members who subscribed no definite amount should seek to make a worthwhile contribution, for our goal cannot be reached unless every member gives according to his ability be it five, ten or twenty-five dollars or more. These members will also put their name on the envelope and the amount given will be credited to them as a subscription. And who will refuse to help when our congregation has set for herself such a high and lofty objective? When the total sum has been raised a list of all contributions will be published. When that day comes and as a congregation we assemble ourselves with joyful hearts to thank God for His many blessings bestowed upon us, we want every member to feel he has nobly done his part, contributed freely to this work in our midst and been a partner with the Lord in this great enterprise which we have undertaken for the greater glory of His Name and the advancement of His Kingdom in our midst.