

# *Trinity United Methodist Church*

# CENTENNIAL



1880 - 1980

- Then -

- Now -



July 12 - 13, 1980

Cavalier, North Dakota

# *A Word From The Pastor*



*The Psalmist has said,*

*“The Lord has done great things for us;*

*we are glad.” (Psalm 126:3).*

These words set the tone for the celebration which is now upon us. In a sense, they express the deep feelings which prevail over members of this congregation as they reflect on the centennial.

It is a very special privilege for us to observe 100 years of continuous service as a congregation. We are proud of our forebearers who established this congregation (and surrounding churches) and thank God for their faithful dedication to this field of labor. We are recipients of a rich legacy left to us by those noble persons who pioneered the way and who have zealously served the Lord in this place.

This congregation has touched the lives of hundreds of people. The volumes in the church's registry are filled with names of countless persons who have been part of the life and ministry of this church through passing years. The tradition of a fervent faith has become a mark of distinction for this congregation in its ministry to people through its history.

It is my fond hope that we can continue serving the Lord in this place and that our appreciation for this heritage will cause us to rejoice greatly. May we take the mantle of faith and service given to us and pass it on to our children and our successors in the future. I trust that we will do so with eagerness and with a great desire to serve the Lord in our own day.

*Dr. Theodore B. Rath*

**OFFICIAL ROSTER — 1980  
THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD-TRINITY CHURCH**

Pastor.....	Theodore B. Rath
Lay Leader.....	Ray Steiger
Assistant Lay Leader.....	Robert Fisher
Financial Secretary.....	Dennis Thom
Church Treasurer.....	Helen Restemayer
Chairman Administrative Board.....	Ray Steiger
Secretary Administrative Board.....	Betty McGillivray
Superintendent Study Program.....	Jeff Restemayer Robert Schroeder
Age Level Coordinators	
Children.....	Donna Hillman
Youth.....	Lorraine Schroeder
Chairman Council on Ministries.....	Nell McGillivray
Work Area Chairpersons	
Ecumenical Affairs.....	Ted Schroeder
Education and Enlistment.....	Connie Steiger
Evangelism.....	Elmira Schroeder
Missions.....	Janice Schroeder
Social Concerns.....	Jean Schroeder
Stewardship.....	Ronald Falk
Worship.....	Rodger Hartz
Chairman Pastor-Parish Relations.....	Keith Schluchter
Chairman Trustees.....	Jeff Restemayer
Chairman Finance Committee.....	Sharon Schluchter
Secretary Committee on Nominations.....	Charles Bjerke
Lay Member to Annual Conference.....	Luella Farrow
Members at Large	
Youth.....	Bret Kiemele Shelley Schluchter
Young Adult.....	Karen Brown Jean Schroeder
Health and Welfare Ministries.....	Isabelle Sommer
Others.....	Lloyd Hartz Jim Brown Carole Kiemele William Steinke Earl Restemayer Harlan Schluchter

**OTHER PERSONNEL**

Sunday School Secretary.....	Dennis Thom
Assistant Sunday School Secretary.....	Robert Schroeder
Alternate, Annual Conference.....	John Schroeder
Church Historian.....	Lorraine Schroeder
Youth Department.....	Ted & Lorraine Schroeder Jim & Karen Brown
Organist.....	Dora Parnell
Assistant.....	Connie Steiger
Communion Stewards.....	Thelma Schluchter Emily Werner
Gifts for Sick.....	Marian Leshar
Nursery Home Visitor.....	Joy Gelger
Ushers.....	John Schroeder Lloyd Hartz
Greeters.....	(organized by) Robert & Esther Fisher and Dennis & Ruth Ann Thom

**COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS**

Robert Schroeder, Ruth Ann Thom, Jim Brown, Jane Falk,  
Esther Fisher, Sharon Schluchter, William Steinke, Charles Bjerke,  
Dora Parnell, Pastor, Chairman; Charles Bjerke, Secretary.

**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

Pastor.....	Theodore B. Rath
Chairman Administrative Board.....	Ray Steiger
Chairman Council on Ministries.....	Nell McGillivray
Lay Leader.....	Ray Steiger
Work Area Chairman Stewardship.....	Jim Cranston
Financial Secretary.....	Dennis Thom
Church Treasurer.....	Helen Restemayer
Parsonage Building Fund Treasurer.....	Keith Schluchter
Youth Fellowship Treasurer.....	Shelley Schluchter
United Methodist Women Treasurer.....	Sharon Schluchter
Progressive Workers Treasurer.....	Myrtle Surerus
Trustee Board Treasurer.....	Herb Hillman
Chairman.....	Sharon Schluchter
Secretary.....	Keith Schluchter

**PASTOR-PARISH COMMITTEE**

Chairman Keith Schluchter, Luella Farrow, Ruth Ann Thom,  
Lloyd Hartz, Robert Fisher, Esther Kiemele.

**ZION CEMETERY SEXTONS:**

Ray Farrow, John Schroeder, Lloyd Hartz.

1894 — January 7th. Sunday School officers: E. Helmer, supt., Father Young, assistant, Mrs. W. Well, secretary, Dave Schweltzer, treasurer and organist, W. F. Kobs, librarian.

1895 — Sunday School records list Wm. Helbert and Wilfred Surerus as members of class No. 5; Tillie Schluchter, Lizzie Hartz, Maud Kibler, Rebecca Kraft and others in class No. 7; Class No. 8 had Mrs. Calvin Young for their teacher . . . members were Jennie and Annie Briggs, Lydia Kraft and Mary Hartz; there were eleven classes listed . . . also records written in German.

Mary Sott was the first woman sent to Annual Conference.



# Church History

The first missionary of the Evangelical Church to visit the Cavalier area of Dakota Territory was the Reverend G. W. Hielscher, who came in 1879. Rev. Hielscher was pastor of the Fargo mission at the time, a work which had been under auspices of the Minnesota



Rev. G. W. Hielscher  
1879-1880  
1894-1895



Christian Fischer

Conference. Upon his arrival in this community, he found several members and interested friends of the denomination. These folks were pioneers in the area, having come from Ontario, Canada to settle east of Cavalier. They had been holding unorganized services in the German language in the home of Christian



John Bechtel



Mrs. John Rickbeil

Fischer. Reverend Hielscher preached his first sermon in a schoolhouse two miles northeast of Cavalier, using the text from Mark 10: 17, "Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?" Besides Mr. Fischer and his family, Mrs. John Rickbeil, John Heyrock, John Bechtel, and John Well, Sr., were instrumental in establishing the work of our church in this community.



John Heyrock



John Well, Sr.

John B. Well, Sr. came to Cavalier July 31, 1875. He was the grandfather of Flossie (Mrs. Harvey Restemayer) and Alice Well. Other church members

that are descendants of Mr. Well are: Isabelle Restemayer Sommer, four of her five children, Tom, Tim, Lynn and Joni (Mrs. Don Latozke); also, Ruth Ann Well (Mrs. Niel Schluchter) and her two daughters, LuAnn and Diane (Mrs. Mike Vistad).

John Heyrock was born about 1851 in Great Britain. He came to Pembina County in 1879 and became a citizen in 1884. Witnesses for the naturalization ceremony were George A. Farrow and H. R. Vaughn. (from records at the county Court House).

1881 — February 20, First baptismal entry - by Rev. A. Schmidt. Emma Mathilde, daughter of John F. Rickbeil and Diana (Kaercher). Emma was born March 28, 1879 in Huron County, Ontario - baptized in Pembina County, Dakota Territory. Their son Friederich Samuel was baptized in 1883.

The sixth, seventh and eighth entries show the baptismal of a Samuel, Mary Ellen and Ada Clara children of John Heyrock and Susanna (Schluchter), in the years 1880, '82 and '83. Rev. E. F. Movius performed the 3rd service.

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In 1880, at the annual session of the Minnesota Conference of the Evangelical Church, Cavalier and surrounding area was taken up as a regular preaching place. Since this included such a large territory, the work became known as the Pembina County Mission and was divided into northern and southern sections. This new mission reached as far south as Mayville, Traill County, north to the Pembina River, east across the state boundary to Crookston, Minnesota, and west into Langdon territory.



Rev. August C. Schmidt  
1880-1883



Rev. Christian Brill  
1879-1883

Because there was a rapid growth in membership and an increase in the number of preaching appointments, the mission was divided at the Annual Conference in 1881. The northern half was known as the Pembina County Mission with Rev. A. C. Schmidt assigned as its pastor; the southern half was named the Grand Forks Mission and it was served by the Rev. Wm. Tesch.

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(A book containing records of conference meetings dated 1880-1893, written in German by Reverends Schmidt, Movius, Ortil and Suckow is in the church records. It may be seen upon request.)



In 1881, the first log church, 30 x 40 feet, was built about two miles southeast of Cavalier at a cost of \$400.00. These were logs that August Krinke had cut to build his own home, but instead they were given and used to build a house of worship. This Church was



First Zion Evangelical Church. 1881-1888

named ZION Evangelical Church. It was dedicated on October 30, by Bishop Rudolph Dubs. This was the second Evangelical Church in North Dakota, the first one was Fargo, which had been dedicated just a week before on October 23. Shortly after the dedication of Zion Church, thirty-four souls were won to the Lord.

(The original warranty deeds that show the purchase of the land used by the Zion congregation for their church and cemetery are kept by Herb Schluchter also the original sale agreement written by Christlieb Fischer, owner of the land.)

Articles of agreement made and executed this eighth day of February A.D. 1882, by and between Christlieb Fischer and the Elders of the Evangelical Association of North America in Pembina County Dakota. The said Christlieb Fischer in consideration of two dollars to him paid by the Trustees of the above named church the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged doth hereby promise and agree to and with the said trustees of the above named church that he will on or before the 25th day of October 1883 make and deliver to the said Trustees of the above named church a good and sufficient deed with the formal warranty of warranty of all that tract of lands lying and being in the North East quarter of section thirty township 16 Range 54 as follows to wit: Commencing twenty five rods West of the North East corner of section twenty township 16 Range 54 thence south seven rods thence west twenty rods thence north seven rods thence east twenty rods to place of beginning containing two acres 111 being in Pembina County

Provided that should the trustees of the above named church wish to dispose of the above described land that they bind themselves and their successors in office to give the aforesaid Christlieb Fischer the first chance of buying and will not sell to any other party or parties until he has had at least twenty days notice and that they will not ask or require more of him than a fair value to be ascertained by the price of land at the time of sale

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal on the day and year first above written

Executed and delivered in presence of  
 Geo. A. Fischer  
 Marshall Dillon

Christlieb Fischer

In 1882, another congregation was formed—IMMANUEL Church. This church was located about 8 to 10 miles southeast of Cavalier in Lodema Township. A small frame building was used for worship. In 1888, with the Reverend Wm. Suckow as pastor, the IMMANUEL Church building was replaced by a new frame structure at a cost of \$800.00.

Due to the large area of the Pembina County Mission, known as the Cavalier appointment, it became necessary to assign assistants to help the regular pastors who were serving the charge. It was also during this time that a two-year time limit for service was in force—thus calling for frequent moving and shifting of pastors.



Rev. Ernest F. Movius  
1883-1885



Rev. Wm. Suckow  
1886-1888



Rev. Wm. Green  
Assistant  
1886-1888

In 1883, The Reverend Ernest Movius came to the Cavalier circuit, replacing Rev. A. C. Schmidt. During his three-year stay, 103 souls were brought to Christ. It was also during his ministry that the first parsonage

was built. John Bechtel donated the lots for this building. The house was 18 x 26 x 14. A barn was also constructed — 16 x 24 x 12. The total cost of this project was \$860.00.

In 1885, another church named TRINITY was built in Cavalier city. Mr. John Bechtel donated three lots on which its building was constructed. A frame structure, 26 x 40 x 16 was erected at a cost of \$818.92. On



First Trinity Evangelical Church

the day of dedication, December 30, 1885, all bills were paid with money left in the treasury. TRINITY Church was the first congregation of the Evangelical Church in the Dakota Territory where services were held in the English language.

During the ministry of the Reverend Leon Koch and the Reverend John Buente, a new frame building was erected at the ZION appointment two miles east of Cavalier. It was dedicated debt-free December 16, 1888, by William Horn, of Cleveland, Ohio, editor of the *Christliche Botschafter*, editor of the denominational



Rev. Leon S. Koch  
1888-1890



Rev. John Buente  
Assistant  
1888-1889



Rev. C. G. Kaatz  
Assistant  
1889-1890

periodical. Its cost was \$3,145.00. Rev. Koch, Rev. Buente, Jerry Kaercher, Henry Well, Philip Koehler, and John Well, Jr., composed the building committee. This was a year of great difficulties and many problems mingled with moments of unusual spiritual joys. After the church building was completed, a revival was held and ten souls found Christ. Three persons came to a knowledge of Christ in the IMMANUEL Church in the same year.



Zion 1901-1940

(Information from Trinity record books on file -

1887 — A Sunday School Library opened January 23rd with 82 books listed.

1890 — Wm. Ralph Plumer was the librarian.

1893 — A copy of the Christmas program listed 35 numbers consisting of recitations and songs by young and old. Some of the people participating in the program were Maud Kibler, Rebecca Kraft, Ella Heyrock, Edna Ortil, Mr. W. Well, Milton Kibler, Lettilla Snell and Norman Zinn.



Rev. Conrad Oertli  
1899-1901



Rev. J. Kraeber  
1891-1892



Rev. A. Herzberg  
Assistant  
1891-1892

In May of 1889, the Sixth Annual Session of the newly formed Dakota Conference of the Evangelical Church, (which had been organized in 1884), was held at ZION Church. A total of \$4,000.00 was given for missions in the Dakota territory.



Rev. G. F. Liening  
1891-1892



Rev. I. A. Young  
1891-1892  
(English)



Rev. William Bel  
1892-1893



Rev. Arnold Oertli  
1893-1894  
1901-1904



Rev. E. Helmer  
Assistant  
1893-1894



Rev. R. W. Teichmann  
1895-1899

It was during the ministry of the Reverend R. W. Teichmann (1895-1899), that a Sunday School near Pembina and a preaching place near Bathgate (McArthur) were started. Again, spiritual results poured forth when 46 found Christ. It was also during this time that a Women's Missionary Society and a Young People's Alliance were organized at TRINITY Church.



Rev. G. E. Bohner  
1908-1913



Rev. E. C. Oeder  
1913-1915



Rev. C. W. Zech  
1914-1918

(May 13, 1907 - Conference records on file - Cavalier Circuit, Fargo District, Rev. Wm. Suckow, president.)



Rev. F. H. Brockmueller  
Assistant  
1898-1899



Rev. Philip Laux  
1899-1901



Rev. E. J. Bechtel  
1904-1908

ZION Church was struck by lightning in August, 1900, and destroyed. The very next spring a new building was erected and dedicated by the Rev. L. Umbach.

Reverend E. J. Bechtel became pastor at Cavalier in 1904. During his ministry, a great revival was held and 53 people came to Christ. It was also at this time that TRINITY Church was enlarged at a cost of \$2,600.00; a classroom, vestibule, and balcony were added. Another meeting was conducted and 45 persons were won unto Christ.



Rev. G. E. Zech  
1915-1920



Rev. W. C. Menges  
1920-1921



Rev. J. C. Koths  
1921-1922

(August 1911 - parsonage and barn painted . . . cost - \$66.95.)



Trinity Church - Remodeled 1905



Trinity Parsonage





Rev. C. A. Bremer  
1927-1935



Rev. O. R. Breaw  
1922-1925



Rev. Floyd Breaw  
1925-1932

The Reverend Floyd Breaw came to be pastor of the field in 1925. Again, the work of winning people to Christ and of building became the task of the people. In November of 1926, ZION Church completed a basement project. Bishop John Dunlap was the speaker for the occasion. Such a need was also realized for TRINITY Church, and two years later, its congregation finished a basement project. Bishop L. H. Seager was the speaker and the cost of the work totalled \$2,800.00.



Rev. E. J. Schroeder  
1932-1938



Rev. August G. Martin  
1938-1943



Rev. Ira E. Herzberg  
1943-1952

In October of 1935, while the Reverend E. J. Schroeder was the pastor, the congregations of ZION and TRINITY were united to form one single congregation. This made the Cavalier charge one of the largest single congregations in the North Dakota Conference of the Evangelical Church. The congregation was known as TRINITY.

Many improvements were made by the congregation over the next decade. The Reverend August G. Martin was assigned to the parish in 1938. Realizing the need for Sunday School space, the congregation began a building fund in 1939. In 1940, the 60th Anniversary of the field was observed and at that time the building fund was promoted. The Sunday School unit was constructed in 1941. The sanctuary was also refinished. An oil painting of Christ knocking at the door, carpeting in the chancel and aisles, and a communion table were among the furnishings added. The following spring, the Annual Conference was held in Cavalier.

During this time also, the Men's Brotherhood was organized, the Church and parsonage modernized with water and sewage facilities. Also, the congregation began the liquidation of the Conference debt, (which accumulated as a result of the depression in the 1930's), by giving \$3,600.00 in pledges and \$2,500.00 in cash gifts.

In 1943, Reverend Martin was elected Superintendent, and the Reverend Ira E. Herzberg was assigned as pastor. During his nine years of ministry 100 souls were won to the Lord. This period of time found numerous additions of items which enlarged the church's ministry as well. A tower chime system was installed. A Hammond organ was purchased and dedication concert given by Dr. Teyet Lamara-Ch White Feather. Other memorials included a pair of flower vases and stands, velvet curtains to enclose the chancel, an illuminated cross on the church steep hymnals, candleholders, a baptismal font, pulpit lamp, a sound movie projector, a slide projector and screen. Worship centers were also provided for the Youth Department and the Children's Department. A host of other usable and appreciable items were also contributed. Many of the foregoing gifts were given as memorials.

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## Denominational Activities — Church Union

On November 16, 1946, the Evangelical Church united with the Church of the United Brethren in Christ at Johnstown, Pennsylvania. The church then became known as the Evangelical United Brethren Church.

In May of 1951, the North Dakota Conference of the South Dakota Conference of the Evangelical United Brethren Church were officially united and known as the Dakota Conference. These two conferences had previously been one conference, beginning in 1884, then Dakota Territory, but were separated into the single conferences in 1920.

Further deliberations concerning church union were held with the Methodist Church, and on April 1968, in Dallas, Texas, these two denominations were officially united into what is now known as the United Methodist Church. Following this union, a move was made to unite the Annual Conferences either into the North Dakota Conference or into the South Dakota Conference. On January 6-7, 1969, the Uniting Conference of the newly formed North Dakota Conference United Methodist Church, took place at St. Paul Church in Jamestown, North Dakota. The Unit Session of the newly-formed South Dakota Annual Conference took place on January 8, 1969, at Huron, South Dakota. Thus again, former EUB members of one Dakota Conference, found themselves divided into two separate conferences.

Trinity Church now is a part of the North Dakota Annual Conference.

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1883 — October 29 - First recorded marriage of Wm. Beker from Ontario and Eliza Livinggood . . . Rev. M. J. Movius presiding . . . witnesses were Wm. Kraft and Lovina Kraft.



Reverend Ralph Dunn was assigned as pastor in 1952. During his ministry, the church kitchen was remodeled, dishes and silver service added, a drinking fountain installed, dining tables given, and small chairs for the children's department procured.

Additional work has been done throughout the years. It is impossible to list all that has been taken care of in maintaining the church's work throughout the years. In January of 1970, the south half of the basement was remodeled at a cost of \$3,800.00.



Rev. Ralph Dunn  
1952-1955



Rev. Kenneth K. Koth  
1955-1960



Rev. Gideon Eberhart  
1960-1966

Rev. Kenneth K. Koth became pastor of the church in 1955. Several events of significance took place in the parish during his ministry. The congregation observed its 75th Anniversary on September 20-25, 1955. The 73rd Annual Session of the Dakota Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church was hosted by this congregation from May 9-13, 1956. At that Conference, seven ministers were ordained to the Order of Elder, among them was James Stein, a son of Trinity Church. A girl's singing group called "God's Echoes" was formed in 1957. Remodeling was done in the parsonage. The property to the north of the church and parsonage was purchased for \$8500. This gave the congregation one half of a block for expansion purposes.

Rev. Gideon Eberhart was assigned to the charge in 1960. During his ministry visual-aids, particularly filmstrips, were added to the educational departments of the church. Also, an emphasis was made on church camping, and numerous children and young people of this congregation participated in these summer experiences. A play, given at Easter one year, was sponsored by the Men's Brotherhood. Both men and women participated in this play and proceeds from this event were used to help children and young people go to church camps. In 1961, Mr. Stanton James, representing missions on a denominational level, led a three-day harvest festival in the congregation. The congregation adopted partial support of a \$1000. per year for Miss Ruth Elmer, missionary to Japan. This support has been carried faithfully through the years. Also, the congregation began to share more ecumenically with other congregations in town. The Pioneer Rest Home was begun in May of 1962 and pastors from Pembina County as well as Cavalier share in a weekly ministry to its residents.

Rev. Elmer A. Sprunk came to Trinity Church in 1966. It was at this time that the Evangelical United Brethren Church and the Methodist Church established closer ties on a national level. An official union of these two denominations took place on April 23, 1968, in Dallas, Texas. Trinity Church became part of the North Dakota Conference of the United Methodist Church. Also, during these years the church's educational library was expanded; additional filmstrips and audio-visuals were added for use in this department of the church. Discussions were begun regarding the construction of a new parsonage. A building committee was selected and proposed plans for a project were considered.



Rev. Elmer A. Sprunk  
1966-1968



Rev. Theodore B. Rath  
1968-

Rev. Theodore B. Rath was assigned to the parish in 1968. Several major projects were undertaken by the congregation which included both church and parsonage. In January of 1970, the south half of the church basement was remodeled, and during the winter of 1971, the north half of the church basement was also completed. Paneling was placed on the walls and all floors were carpeted. The 90th Anniversary of the church was observed on November 15, 1970. The church steeple, a prominent architectural feature of this area, was removed in April of 1973 for safety reasons. Later, the church bell was mounted on a cement slab in front of the church building. Plans to secure a different parsonage were again reviewed in 1977 and a second building committee was elected in January of 1978. Proposed plans for a parsonage were approved on April 6, 1978 and construction of this house was begun in late May. The new home, costing \$68,000 was completed in early March of 1979 and Rev. Rath moved with his family into the dwelling on March 13.

The old parsonage, which had been home to numerous ministers for about 75 years, was removed from its foundation in November of 1979. The house was moved to a location southwest of Cavalier where it is currently used as a home for a young family. Also, remodeling was done in the church sanctuary during the winter of 1980 with paneling placed on the lower four feet of the walls and carpeting placed on the floor. The theater-like seats in the west side room were removed and replaced by cushioned chairs.

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1883 -- November 20 - Second wedding recorded - Neil Thompson and Eliza M. Page, both of Ontario . . . witnesses Wm. Page and Christina Thompson (Neil McGillivray's grandmother) . . . Rev. Movlus presided.

## More Faithful Servants

Vic and the late, Julia Fisher, were very active in the growth of this church. Vic held offices of every level in the E.U.B. church including local, state and denominational level; served as delegate to Annual and General Conference; was state president of the E.U.B. Men's organization; selected as "Trustee at Large" for Westmar College for 15 years; just to name a few of his accomplishments.

They had three children, Bob, Marilyn and Geoline. Bob and his wife, Esther (Dietrich) and their children, Doug and Sheryl are members of this church.

Vic's father, Fred, joined the church in 1909 during G. E. Bohner's ministry . . . his mother, Margaret, joined in 1898 when L. S. Koch was pastor.



Vic



John Sr.



Margaret

McArthur was one of several preaching points that were served during the history of our church. It was located east of Bathgate. This preaching point was established during the ministry of Rev. R. W. Telchman who served in the years, 1895-1899. Later a church was built. In 1930 this church was sold and moved to Cavalier where it is being used as the Assembly of God Church.

When the McArthur church closed, the John and Margaret Dietrich Sr. family came to this church. They had been in the Bathgate-McArthur area since before their marriage in 1900. Carl Deck, Mrs. Dietrich's father, was an active church member. He also gave the land for the McArthur cemetery.

Our first church records of the Dietrich family show that Mr. and Mrs. John Dietrich Sr. and four of their 15 children joined the church in 1929. Children joining were John Jr., Jake, Florence and Rose. Other descendants of John and Margaret that are members of Trinity United Methodist church today are: Alan Paul, son of Albert and Rose (Dietrich) Paul; two of Jake's children, Esther, (Mrs. Bob Fisher) their children, Doug and Sheryl and Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Dietrich and Stephanie; Mr. and Mrs. John (Martha Hartz) Dietrich, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Dietrich and Richard, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kiemele (Esther), her son and family, Freddie and Carole, Scott and Bret.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kraft were pioneers in this area in 1878. One of their daughters, Irene, has made Cavalier her home since she was born. She has always been very active in church and community work. Some of the jobs in the church were more rewarding than others. She started teaching about 1924 and taught in the children's department for 30 years . . . "I really enjoyed being with the children . . . they were always so unpredictable but willing to please." "I was the pianist for the children, treasurer of many organizations; first president of the Progressive Workers organization . . . now I'm an honorary member; also printed the church bulletins for Rev. Martin." Irene was also employed at the court house and at the hospital as a bookkeeper and various other jobs.

During her many years as a teacher, many humorous incidents occurred . . . this is one of them . . . "One Sunday, during class, I was telling them about Mary crying and the tears falling on Jesus feet and how Mary used her hair to wipe them dry . . . (no one seemed to be paying attention) . . . "The following Sunday, I asked the class if anyone could remember last week's lesson and tell me something about it. "No one answered for quite a long time . . . finally one little boy answered . . . "Oh it was about that lady bawlin'." "(That little boy was Teddy Schroeder)."



Irene



Letha

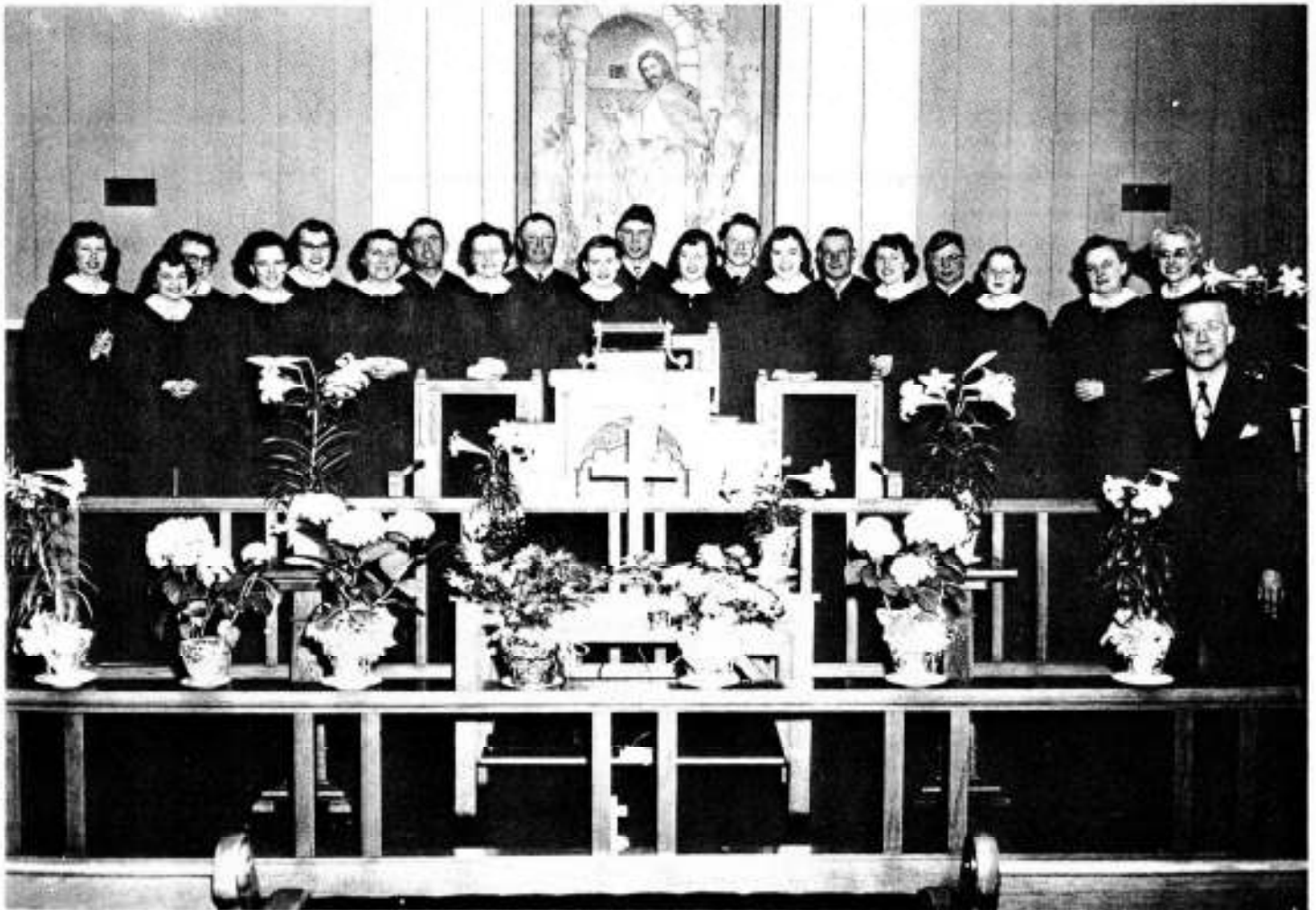
Letha Ruby was born May 24, 1897 on a farm southeast of Cavalier. Her parents were the late Daniel and Mary Ruby. She has been a faithful member of the church for many years and has held various offices . . . from that of teacher to treasurer. She enjoyed one of her jobs in particular, that of an advisor to a group of young people. She was appointed to this position during Rev. Martin's ministry. She related one incident that she remembers vividly . . . "It was almost Christmas and I knew that the young people were not going to be able to have a Christmas tree . . . and Christmas without a tree didn't sound like much to me . . . So I decided to take my tree over to the church. Needless to say, I needed help and Mary Walper came to my rescue. We carried the tree to the church in the afternoon and decorated it. That evening, Rev. Martin came to our meeting and told us about feeling a "little down" that morning . . . "but when I came to the church and saw the decorated tree, my spirits rose and the feeling of contentment and happiness swept over me." "I can remember that night so well," said Letha.

Letha's sister, Luella, was a teacher at the Red Bird Mission in Kentucky for ten years.



Bell and Tower were taken down for safety reasons. April 1973.

### New Choir Robes



The beautiful flowers on the altar, new choir robes and an inspiring message from Rev. Herzberg made this Easter morning a very memorable one. Members of the choir are (left to right) Evelyn Winzer, Ruth Stein, Donna Surerus, Gladys Staus, Arlene Winzer, Lucille Cranston, Norbert Restemayer, Cecella

Schafer, Bill Schluchter, Ruth Ann Well, Delorin Schluchter, Polly Bjornson, Bob Fisher, Marilyn Herzberg, Vic Fisher, Alice Restemayer, Herb Schluchter, Judy Schluchter, Alice Well, director, Mrs. Herzberg, painlist and Rev. Herzberg. (1950)





Church picnic at the Ed Restemayer home, June 1931.

Kneeling (left to right), Fred Steinbach, George Schroeder, Herb Schluchter, Chris Schweitzer, Carl Schweitzer, Adolph Steinbach, Ed Restemayer, Wm. Schroeder and daughter, Mary, Rev. Floyd Breaw and Earl Restemayer.

Standing, (left to right), Clara Hartz, Lydia Restemayer, Mary Steinbach, John Hartz (with cap),

Josephine Restemeyer, Sarah Schroeder, Liz Steinbach (curly hair), Florence Schluchter, (lady with hat-unidentified), Norman Restemayer, Ethel Ritter, Flossie Restemayer, unidentified, Lizzie Restemayer, Gordon Well, unidentified, Barbara and Alfred Hartz, unidentified, Martha and Ernest Restemayer, lady-unidentified, Mary Schroeder (dark hat), Flora Kaercher and Mrs. Schweitzer.



Sunday School Students during Rev. Martin's ministry (1938-1943).

Front row: John Martin, Wilma Ouhl, James Martin, Kenny Ouhl, Lloyd Hartz, Billy Well, Amy Spenst, Ellen Steinbach, Marilyn Schweitzer and Ruth Ann Well.

Back row, left to right, Jim Spenst, Ruth Surerus, Harlan Schluchter, Joanne Indridson, Gerald and

Jeanette Ouhl, Howard Well, Cherrl Schafer, Delorin Schluchter, Alice Werner, Bob Fisher, Alice Restemayer, Marilyn Fisher, Geoline Fisher, Verna Werner, Donna Surerus, Frances Winzer and Bernice Spenst.



## Parsonage Building Committee



Seated (left to right) Mrs. Neil (Betty) McGillivray, Mrs. Ted (Lorraine) Schroeder and Mrs. Emery (Lois) Hartz, secretary.

Standing (left to right) Rev. Rath, Keith Schluchter, treasurer, Ronald Falk, assistant chairman, Ray Steiger and Carl Bjerke, chairman.



Myrtle Fisher



Estelle Spiller

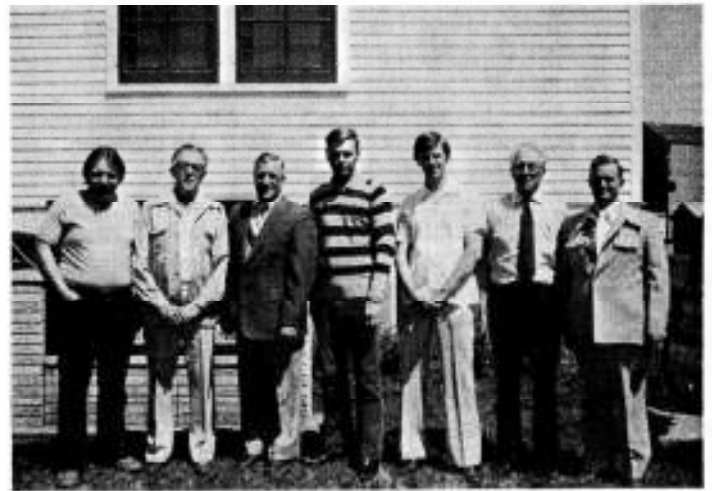
"When our parents, Mr. and Mrs. Valentine Fisher arrived in Dakota Territory from Ontario in 1880, they settled in the Glasston vicinity. The country wasn't too well settled at that time so mother would be sure to keep a good watch dog around and a gun."

Two of the Fisher daughters, Myrtle and Mrs. Estelle Spiller, have lived in Cavaller over 80 years. "We were very busy in the church during our younger days." "Myrtle was the Sunday School superintendent for about 19 or 20 years; a teacher, church treasurer and a member of many organizations also the County Deputy Auditor for 50 years."

Estelle remembers singing in the choir with Dave Schweitzer as the director . . . "I remember playing the old pump organ on occasion . . . if an expert wasn't needed" . . . "Rev. Breaw was the Pastor" . . . "I also sang second tenor in a men's quartet and played organ (I think the other singers were The Rev., Almon Walper and Dave Schweitzer) . . . "was the first secretary in the Progressive Workers class . . . now I'm a charter member."

"Myrtle and I will be observing our birthday in September, Myrtle will be 85 and I'll be 82. Our sister, Mrs. Floyd Holloway in California will be 90 on her next birthday, January 3rd. We have been blessed in so many ways."

## 1980 Trustees



Left to right, Rick Dietrich, Bill Steinke, Emery Hartz, Dennis Dietrich, co-chairman; Herb Hillman, sec.-treas.; Ray Farrow, chairman; Charles Bjerke. Member but not pictured, Jim Erickson.

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During Herzberg's ministry, the Y.F. and many church members had a food stand at the Pembina County Fair at Hamilton.

(August 3, 1919 - First quarterly meeting cancelled due to heavy rain.)

(1919 - 1942 - Trinity Evangelical Sunday School records on file.)

## More Church Workers



Left to right, Mrs. Herb Hillman, (Donna Steinke), Maureen McGillivray, Shelley Schluchter, Mrs. Jack Sharp, (Ruth Ouhl), Tillie Steiger, Corleen Rath, Mrs. Jim Brown (Karen Schroeder), Janice Schroeder, Mrs. Robert Schroeder (Jean Farrow), Mrs. Dennis Dietrich (Linda LeTexler).

## Vacation Bible School - June 2, 1980



Front row, left to right, Jauques Parenteau (J.P.), Brandon Hillman, Steven Vistad, Matthew and Amy Hodgins, Kyle Erickson, (kneeling), Kent Schluchter, Misty Johnson.

Second row, left to right, David Hartz, Chris Morden, Dawn Johnson, Randy Steiger, Aaron and Erika Dietrich, Jennifer and Curtis Brown, Justin Hillman.

Third row, left to right, Craig Steiger, LoAnn Rath, Rachel Thom, Amy Falk, Mike Parenteau, Tammy Pudil.

Back row, left to right, teachers and assistants: Sharon Schluchter, Mari Dietrich, Donna Hillman, Linda Brown, Connie Steiger, Maureen McGillivray.

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(October 23, 1922 - Trinity church was painted for \$84.80 and the parsonage for \$109.56.)

(July 19, 1929 - First quarterly conference - Myrtle Fisher, sec.)

(May 1, 1931 - Wm. Schroeder was elected lay delegate to annual conference in Bismarck. Trinity budget committee members - Herman Soft and George Schroeder; Zion - Harvey Restemayer and Adolph Steinbach.)

(April 13, 1935 - Albright Brotherhood organized with Vic Fisher as president, had 14 members.)

(July 25, 1936 - Bible School was held the first two weeks in June with Ellsworth and James Moritz and Lorraine Schroeder in charge.)

(December 1939 - Fourteen boys in Catechism class.)

(1947 - The former Immanuel church became the home of Emery and Lois Hartz.)

## Youth Fellowship



Mylen, Bret,  
Bobby

Maureen, Peggy,  
Shelley



Sheryl



Nolan



Kevin



Wayne

The 1980 officers of our Youth Fellowship are: Bret Kiemele, president; Maureen McGillivray, vice-president; Kevin Schluchter, secretary; Shelley Schluchter, treasurer; other members, Nolan Rath, Peggy Schluchter, Wayne Schroeder, Mylen Rath and Bobby Steiger.

During the year they participate in the combined Sunrise Service; recognize their high school graduates and parents during a morning or an evening of fellowship; mow the Zion cemetery; participate in the Christmas program; go caroling and give fruit trays; also usher when assigned.

With "gift-money" and "mowing-money" they purchased study books, Jesus and Me, which they use; also the decorative lights and yard light at the new parsonage; gave money for the remodeling of the church; purchased and painted the "Welcome" sign for our centennial (with help from Carl Bjerke).

Jim and Karen Brown, Ted and Lorraine Schroeder are their advisors.

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"Years ago all the Sunday School members met in one room . . . all ages . . . the superintendent was the teacher . . . there was a good reason for that . . . we didn't have any rooms available." . . . Lydia Restemayer.



Front row, left to right, Flossie Restemayer, shower comm.; Emily Werner, Christian social involvement; Margaret Schluchter, sec. and cheer up comm.; Dora Parnell, Christian personhood; Isabel Dietrich, Christian global concerns; Letha Ruby, Olga Bjerke.

Back row, left to right, Lorraine Schroeder, pres.; Lucille Rickbell, Dorothy Gelger, treas.; Nettie Spent, Mary Sott, vice pres.; Laura Hildebrant, Mary Walper, supportive community and shower comm.; members but not pictured are Bonnie Ouhl and Florence Schluchter.

Honorary members, Myrtle Fisher and Estelle Spiller.

Mary Walper passed away unexpectedly, June 4th.

"I can remember when the whole families used to come to the ladies circle meetings . . . I know I had over 60 for supper at one time . . . with only 62c collected in offering . . . I'm sure many of the other members had similar experiences" . . . Lydia Restemayer.

## Progressive Workers



Left to right, Florence Schluchter, Flossie Restemayer, Letha Ruby, Emily Werner, the late, Barb Farrow, Thelma Schluchter, Marie Well, Dora Parnell, Margaret Schluchter.

Dorothy Gelger, Myrtle Surerus, Lucille Rickbell, members not pictured.

The Progressive Workers Class was organized in 1923 at the home of Estelle Fisher Spiller under the leadership of Mrs. Fred Fisher, mother of Vic Fisher. At this meeting the group elected Irene Kraft as its first President and Estelle Spiller the first secretary.

The following poem written by the late Mrs. Vic (Julia) Fisher tells about the work accomplished by this organization thru the year . . .

Of the many organizations,  
Be it society, club or troop,  
None has such colorful history,  
As the Progressive Workers group.  
It's been on the go for forty years,  
Began as a Sunday-school class;  
It seemed to gain momentum  
As year after year did pass.

A faithful teacher guided them,  
To study and learn God's will;  
Then they boldly ventured forth,  
That great command to fulfill.

A framed charter was issued,  
Complete with details and date,  
The title and motto was chosen,  
Officers named—also meeting time,  
The motto, Service, not Honor,  
The dues, each month, a dime.

Of the twenty charter members,  
Four still answer the call of roll;  
Though numbers changed during years,  
Near twenty's the present poll.

Some would scoff at her virtues,  
And belittle the high-sounding name;  
So lest one become discouraged,  
Let us some of the merits proclaim.

They began work at the home base,  
As the Master said they should  
The cup of cold water was given,  
In true Christian Sisterhood.

Money was given for basement,  
Chairs for the children's room;  
Cards and gifts sent to shut-ins,  
To help dispel the gloom.

When the hospital came to Cavalier,  
A nursery was needed, you see;  
One thousand dollars was the goal,  
To accommodate King Babebe.

That project was bravely tackled,  
With a vim no one can forget;  
Now hundreds of babies have used it,  
And the end is surely not yet.

They reached out to Samaria,  
To Kentucky's Mission field;  
Children's Homes and hospitals,  
To such urging did they yield.

Then earth's uttermost parts beckon  
Maimed Korea's cry did ring;  
To three little homeless orphans,  
New cheer and joy they bring.

Hundreds of dollars were given,  
Through years that came and went;  
The lowly dime was the beginning,  
Of all the money that was spent.

Ten cent dues went on for years,  
But couldn't keep much alive;  
So everyone, cheerfully consented,  
To each month, bring twenty five.

But cost of living kept soaring,  
Debts closed in like a fence;  
Then by nineteen sixty-three-action,  
Monthly hit was fifty cents.

There were other sources of income,  
From sewing, and baking, and art  
Fancy work, fruitcakes, notepaper,  
With each one doing her part.

Baskets and wondersheets were sold,  
Dolly Duzzits, by the dozen;  
A cookbook was edited and published  
To keep the funds a buzzin'.

Saving stamps was an item,  
Redeemed they got tea-cart and cloth  
But the home stores quit giving,  
So that venture hit a rock.

The teas and bazaars and handwork,  
Now seem to be all in the past;  
As members now give money,  
The die of tithing is cast.

A new year is in the offing,  
It's challenge ever nigh;  
Once more they face the future,  
With head and purpose high.

Are there not willing workers,  
To assist this faithful throng;  
That men may be uplifted,  
And Cause of Christ kept strong?

Hail to Progressive Workers!  
As the banner of Service they hold;  
Great is their satisfaction,  
A payment dearer than gold.

Their main source of income now is in quilting . . . large or medium size quilts. Three Korean Orphans are receiving the benefits from their quilting funds . . .

## PROGRESSIVE WORKERS - 1930



(L-R) - Lurinda Hudson (deceased), Luella Farrow, Irene Kraft, Julia Fisher (deceased), Lucille Cranston and daughter, Susan, Mary Schroeder (deceased), Billie Moritz, Mary Walper (deceased), Myrtle Surerus, Letha Ruby and Marie Well, seated.



