

SUNDAY MAY 5, 1996 AT 12:00 NOON

REDEDICATION OF "MEMORIAL BUILDING"

For use as classrooms, offices, meeting rooms, and other Church ministry functions.

P. Sisters and brothers in Christ: Today we seek God's blessing as we have come together in thankfulness to dedicate this **Memorial Building** to the Glory of God.

A reading from Saint Paul's letter to the Colossians 3:15-17

P. The Lord be with you.

C. **AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

P. All your works praise you O Lord.

C. **AND YOUR FAITHFUL SERVANTS BLESS YOU.**

P. Blessed are you O Lord our God, king of the universe. Your gifts are many, and in wisdom you have made all things to give you glory. Be with us now and bless us as we dedicate this **Memorial Building** to your praise and honor. Give us joy in all your works, and grant that this **Memorial Building** may always be a place where your will is done and your name is glorified; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C. **AMEN**

(Prayers may be offered, each ending with, "Lord in your mercy")

C. **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

P. Let us bless the Lord.

C. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

P. The blessing of Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

C. **AMEN.**

(Tours of the building will follow, with refreshments outside the building. A home-made model of a church will be located in the Library / Conference Room, with envelopes and memorial forms for any who wish to make an offering.)

Memorial Building

In June 1960, St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church Wertzville, and St. Mathias Evangelical Church, Carlisle Springs, became the Wertzville-Carlisle Springs Lutheran Charge. Reverend Charles L. Lady accepted a call to the newly formed charge, and several months later, a Parsonage Planning Committee was appointed by the Joint Council of the Charge. Their planning was accepted by the two congregations at their annual meeting in January 1961. It included a four-bedroom house with study and a two-car garage at the St. Paul's church location, on ground owned by St. Paul's church. This location was based on (1) location of member homes, (2) location of hospitals serving the charge, (3) geographical boundaries and other influences limiting the area served by the congregations, and (4) present size of the congregations.

Its
History

A Building Committee immediately accepted the task of submitting building plans and costs to the Joint Council. Mr. Milford H. Peterson, Registered Architect of Harrisburg, was chosen to draw up plans. On March 12, 1961, the charge voted to proceed with building a parsonage with four bedrooms and study with a cost not to exceed \$25,000.00 prorated 63% to be paid by St. Paul's congregations, and 37% to be paid by St. Mathias.

Ground was broken on April 24, 1961, and a mountain stone, story and a half house with oil-fired hot water baseboard heat was built. It included a foyer, living room, dining room, kitchen with utility area and lavatory adjoining, study with outside entrance, four bedroom, and two full baths. A breezeway to the east, off the dining room and a spacious recreations room in the basement enhanced the well constructed and well planned parsonage.

Due to the lack of an acceptable low bid, the building committee assumed the responsibility for the construction. About 40 members and friends of the charge donated their talents in free labor, making it possible to provide an adequate and beautiful parsonage for he pastor at a minimum cost. Working in the evenings and on Saturdays, the was completed sufficiently for the pastor and family to move in on December 28, 1961- only eight months after construction was begun.

On Sunday, May 27, 1962 at 3 o'clock PM, a service of dedication was held. Pastor and Mrs. Charles L. Lady lived in the parsonage from December 1961 until August 1970. Following Pastor and Mrs. Lady was Pastor and Mrs. James Emerick who lived in the parsonage from July 1971 through Feb 1976. Pastor and Mrs. William C. Butts lived in the parsonage from August 1976 until he retired in July 1990. After Pastor and Mrs. Butts vacated the parsonage, the facility sat empty during the assignment of interim pastors. Pastor K. Robert Schmitt and his family, once called to St. Paul's, occupied the facility until December 1993.

At the annual congregational meeting held in 1994, it was decided that the facility would go off the township roles as a home and would be further designated as an administrative facility. In need a repairs and modifications to make it a suitable administrative facility, the St. Paul's Property Committee put forth its recommendations and cost estimates to renovate the building. This in turn, became the historic phase I plan to St. Paul's Future Development Program. The costs associated with the **Memorial Building** renovations including many of the furnishing total \$105,000.00.

On this the 5th day of May 1996, we gather to celebrate the historic opening of this **Memorial Building** and dedicate it as such to all persons who over the years have donated either their time, talent and /or treasures. Our heartfelt and sincerest thanks to all past, present and future believers who feel that it is paramount to do His work here on earth. As He continues to bless us richly, let us be ever mindful of Him.

Forever in His Service,

NICHOLAS J. CEKOVICH

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