

Memories of the 125th Anniversary of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Fairmont, MN



Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and forever.

October 25 & 26, 2008

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The head table starts
the lunch which was
planned by the
Anniversary Committee
and catered
by Nancy Jo's



The float was on display
in front of the church,
and looked awesome
when the church lights
were lit as the sun
went down!



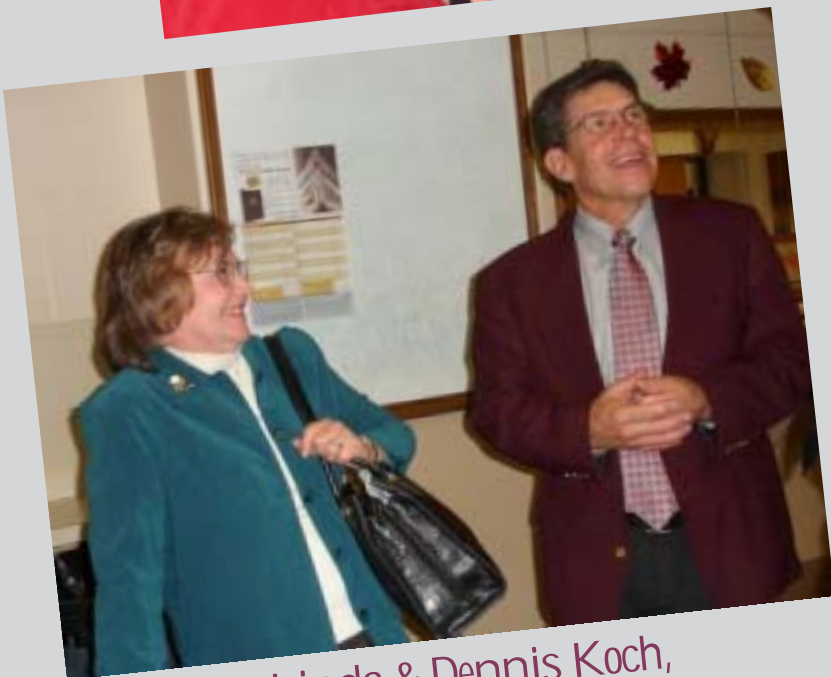
Pastor & Mrs. Briel



Rev. & Mrs. Schultz and family



Helen
Nolte



Linda & Dennis Koch,



Julie Abernathy



Memorabilia filled the stage from the history of the church's past 125 years



Carolyn Olson



Sandy Kopeschka and Laurie Giff



Angeline (Schwartz)
Meyer



Good times,
good food...
aah, the memories!

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod Congregations of Elmore

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3893 420th Ave
Elmore, MN 56027

Trinity
203 E. North St.
Elmore, MN 56027

St. Paul Lutheran Church
211 Budd Street
Fairmont, MN 56031

Dear Members of St. Paul,

It is with profound thanksgiving that I speak on behalf of the members of St. John's and Trinity Lutheran Churches of Elmore. We are thankful that the Holy Spirit has blessed the spreading of the Gospel in your place for these 125 years. Certainly there are many stories to tell of how that work has been done. We rejoice with you as you tell those stories and thank God for the privilege you have had to do His work.

Such an observance is always an opportunity to also look to the future and ask the Lord of the Church to continue to bless His work among you. We also look forward to joining with you in our newly established circuit. We look forward to making new friends among you and becoming re-acquainted with those who have been friends in the past.

May God continue to bless you.

In Thanksgiving,

Pastor Dale Kohrs

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Trinity and St. John's Lutheran Churches



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October 8, 2008

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Fairmont,

Congratulations on your 125th Anniversary!

We, your brothers and sisters in Christ at Lutheran Church of Our Savior in Winnebago and St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Easton, join you in thanking and praising God for all the blessings He has given to you and through you for 125 years.

Only God knows how your ministry has touched people's lives throughout this region and literally to the ends of the world.

May God continue to bless you and use you to His glory!

Your brothers and sisters in Christ at Lutheran Church of Our Savior in Winnebago and St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Easton.

Pastor Ronald W. Jobe

Rev. Ronald W. Jobe, Pastor

Special greetings to Pastor Janetzke!



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of God's Blessings!*

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October 21, 2008

Dear Pastor Bertram, Pastor Fast and Members of St. Paul Lutheran Church,

On behalf of Martin Luther High School, I would like to extend our best wishes to St. Paul Lutheran Church on your 125th anniversary. The freedom of religion and the opportunity to worship is certainly a gift to be cherished.

We know that over the years the faithful service of Our Savior has been a blessing to the community and God's ministry in countless ways. 125 years of serving our Lord is truly worthy of celebration!

As Martin Luther High celebrates its 25th anniversary, we give thanks for God's blessings. We give thanks for St. Paul Lutheran Church, Fairmont. Your congregation has not only been a blessing to your community in Fairmont, but it has also been a blessing to MLHS through your association membership. Thank you!

"What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him"—1 Corinthians 2:9 Just as our forefathers could not imagine the changes that would take place over the years, we can not imagine the blessings God has in store for us in the future! May we keep our eyes focused on Him.

May God continue to bless the ministry of St. Paul Lutheran Church.

In Christ's service,

Robert B. Patrick
Principal

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October 20, 2008

St. Paul Lutheran Church
211 Budd Street
Fairmont, MN 56031

Dear members of St. Paul Lutheran Church,

Lord, I have loved the habitation of Your house, And the place where Your glory dwells (Psalm 26:8). One thing I have desired of the Lord, That will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the Lord, And to inquire in His temple (Psalm 27:4). I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go into the house of the Lord" (Psalm 122:1.

What a day for St. Paul Lutheran Church, Fairmont! You are celebrating 125 years of God's mercy and grace in Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. You are celebrating 125 years of sharing the means of grace with fellow believers. You are celebrating 125 years of reaching out to people with the Good News of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

May God continue blessing your ministry in the community of Fairmont. May God continue using you in reaching out with the Good News of our Savior!

May God bless you in your great day of celebration!

In the Name of our Savior Jesus Christ


Rev. Robert G. Bailey
Interim-pastor

November 5, 2008

Dear St. Paul Lutheran Church,

What a wonderful surprise to receive the beautifully wrapped *Sermons in Glass*. I was so touched with the book Mark Hanson produced using some of Parke's work from so many years ago.

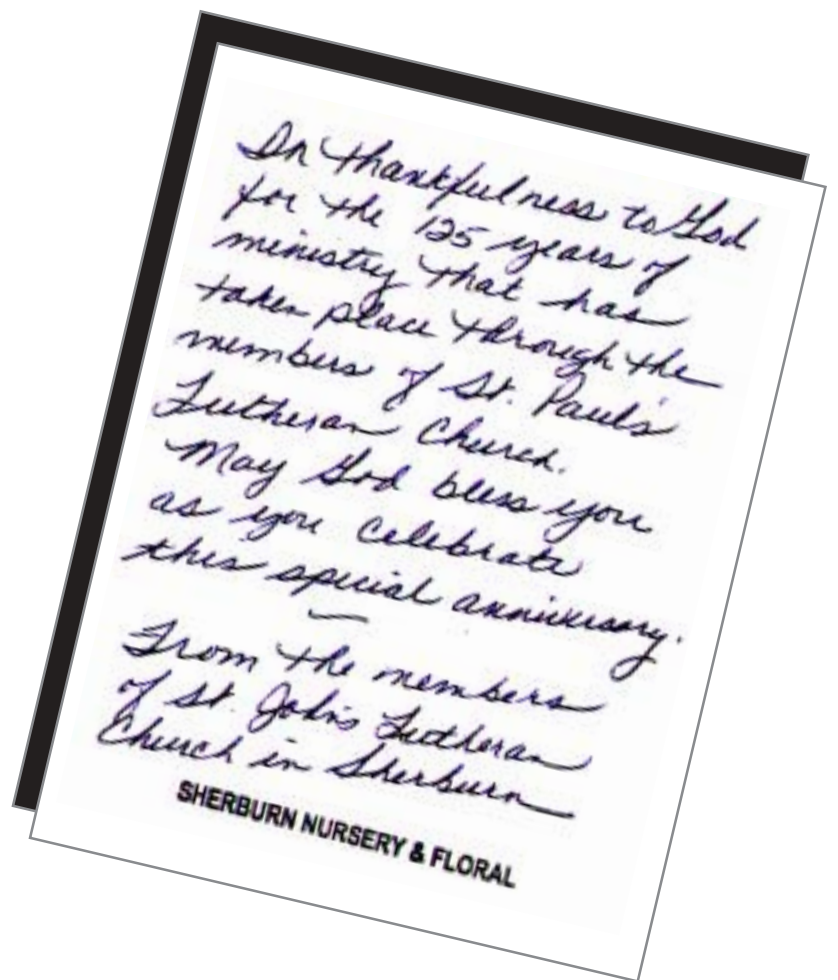
I should have written you sooner, when I received notice of the anniversary, but I was in the midst of wedding preparations. Newton Bates, a long time friend, and I were married October 18th, with just our children and grandchildren attending. "God puts the lonely in families!"

Thank you for thinking of me after all these years. Parke and I had hoped to visit St. Paul's in Fairmont after he retired, but that was not to be. Recently I learned that Jeanne Chandler died too. She and Bill were newlyweds, as were we, when the four of us came to St. Paul, Bill to be a teacher in the parochial school. Jeanne and I had our first children the same day, Mothers' Day of 1960, hers before the church service and mine after! That way our husbands did not have to miss a service, as Bill played the organ too. I have many good memories of our four years in Fairmont.

Is it possible to buy 4 more of the books? I would love to give one to each of our children.

With gratitude,

Elizabeth Frederick



Thank you for all your help while we were in Fairmont. We felt so welcome. It was so nice to be in St. Paul again.

My sister is enjoying the book. They have information on Grandpa we didn't know or remember. All eleven of his grandchildren have started a scholarship in his name at the seminary in St. Louis for future pastors. If anyone is interested, it's The Rev. Otto Zemke Scholarship Fund.

Thank you again for making our trip so memorable.

God bless you,
Don & Carol Brown