A Holy Celebration of 150 Years

According to the Book of St. Paul

Chapter V

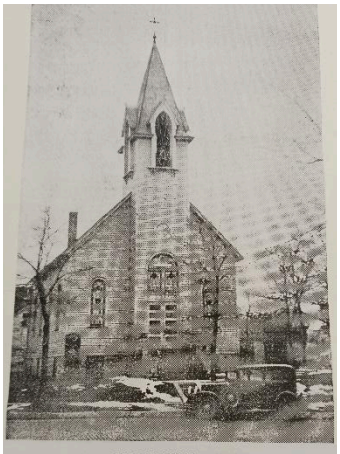
And God said, “Let there be new programs for the St. Paul Lutheran church congregation to further the congregation’s ability to worship the Lord.”

And so, the Rev. Peter Pichler, the ninth pastor at St. Paul from 1903 to 1918, made many new programs and improvements during his ministry. To refresh from the previous chapter, in 1905 a full basement was put in with a furnace and cement sidewalks. In 1906 men and women stopped sitting on opposite sides of the church. In 1909 a pipe organ was installed. In 1904 the first Ladies Aid was organized (omitted from chapter 4).



REV. PETER PICHLER
1903-1918

Pastor Pichler was a strong disciplinarian, and misbehaved children were paddled. The German language was used exclusively until 1913. Then the first Sunday of the month was given in English. Also in 1913, offering envelopes were introduced. In the mid-1910’s, the council ordered horse sheds be built which were used until May 16, 1923, when they were torn down. See sheds in the background to the right. Note: Iva Eisenman (daughter of Minnie Davis and sister of Viola Guetschow) would ride her horse to Saturday Catechism and tie it to the shed. In 1918 Pastor Pichler resigned due to health reasons.



HORSE SHED

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In 1918 Dr. Albert Keiser (1918-1920) accepted a call. He changed the Liturgy to the way it was in the Iowa Hymnal. English services were conducted every other Sunday. Paving of 8th Street was to be paid by assessing each member $6.00. The Ladies Aid and Young People's Society had the church painted and other repairs made. Dr. Keiser served until June 6, 1920, when he returned to his chosen profession of teaching at a church college.

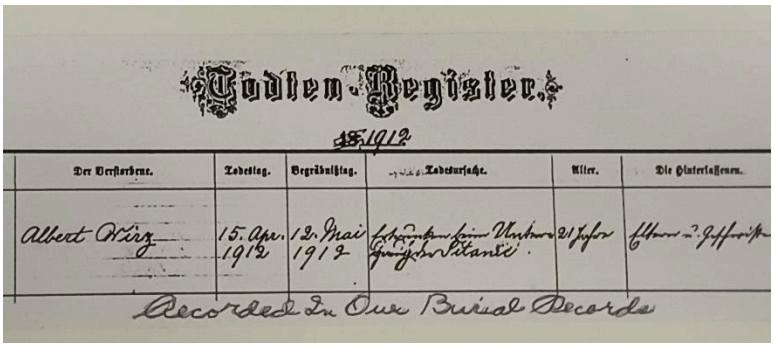

DR. ALBERT KEISER
1918-1920

The next Pastor to serve St. Paul was the Rev. Max Jahr (1920-1926). During his ministry on April 2, 1922, it was voted to have the constitution translated to the English language and the minutes of the meetings to be written in English. On June 10, 1922, St. Paul honored Pastor Jahr on his 25th Anniversary of his ordination into the ministry.


REV. MAX JAHR
1920-1926

St. Paul celebrated its 50th Anniversary Festival on October 5, 1924, (1874-1924). Services were held at 10:00 am in German and at 2:30 pm in English.

Special Note: Albert Wirtz – The Titanic 1912



Todten-Register.

1912

Der Verstorbene.	Todestag.	Begräbnißtag.	Todesursache.	Alter.	Die Hinterlassenen.
Albert Wirz	15. Apr. 1912	12. Mai 1912	Ertrunken beim Untergang der Titanic.	21 Jahre	Eltern in Zofingen

Recorded In Our Burial Records

Albert Wirtz was almost 28 years old when he started from Zurich, Switzerland on his way to Beloit, where he had obtained employment through his aunt and uncle, Mr. & Mrs. T. Brown on 1208 Fifth Street. He met a friend who was emigrating to Milwaukee. They boarded the Titanic on April 10, 1912. The Titanic collided with an iceberg on April 14, 1912, at 11:40 p.m. and sank the following day. Albert was found and identified on April 24, 1912. His body was the 131st to be taken from the sea out of 336 bodies found. After identification the body was shipped to Beloit arriving on May 11, 1912. Funeral services were held at Oakwood Cemetery with Rev. Peter Pichler conducting the service. Eighty-four years later, on September 7, 1996, a headstone was installed on his unmarked grave. The Rev. Charles Larson of St. Paul presided at the memorial service.

And God saw that the first 50 years of St. Paul Lutheran Church were good.