

## Historical Milestones of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, California, Missouri

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| 1860 | Summer      | Pastor Johann Buenger of St. Louis encouraged Lutherans at California to arrange services.                                                        |
| 1860 | October 28  | First service conducted by Pastor Juengel of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Pleasant Grove                                                             |
| 1863 | Summer      | Pastor Theodore Gruber installed as first resident pastor. A parochial school taught by the pastor was begun.                                     |
| 1864 | Spring      | Purchase of land for a church cemetery.                                                                                                           |
| 1864 |             | Candidate G. Lehnick became the second resident pastor.                                                                                           |
| 1865 |             | Candidate Gustav Schilling became the third resident pastor                                                                                       |
| 1866 | April 16    | Old seminary building was purchased to serve as a church, school and parsonage.                                                                   |
| 1866 |             | Constitution discussed and adopted.                                                                                                               |
| 1869 | Summer      | The congregation was accepted into membership with the Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States (now know as The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod) |
| 1870 |             | Candidate H. Wille was called to serve as the fourth resident pastor.                                                                             |
| 1873 | July 6      | The congregation resolved to have English services occasionally.                                                                                  |
| 1875 | August      | Candidate B. Sievers became the fifth resident pastor.                                                                                            |
| 1879 | September   | Pastor J. G. Griebel of Norborne, Missouri, accepted the call given him by the congregation.                                                      |
| 1886 |             | Purchase of the Adam's property to serve as a parsonage.                                                                                          |
| 1892 | Fall        | Rev. Paul Franke was called to serve as pastor.                                                                                                   |
| 1894 | Summer      | The old church was razed and a new school building erected.                                                                                       |
| 1894 | June 10     | The cornerstone of a new church was placed.                                                                                                       |
| 1894 | November 11 | A new house of worship was dedicated to the service of God.                                                                                       |
| 1895 | February    | Pastor P. D. Mueller was installed as pastor.                                                                                                     |
| 1896 |             | A Kilgen pipe organ was installed.                                                                                                                |
| 1898 |             | A new parsonage was erected.                                                                                                                      |
| 1904 | April 22    | A Ladies' Aid was organized with 18 charter members.                                                                                              |
| 1907 | November    | Rev. F. W. Mueller was installed as pastor.                                                                                                       |
| 1918 | May 5       | A resolution was passed that religious instruction in school should be given in the English language.                                             |
| 1921 | January 7   | The young people joined the International Walther League.                                                                                         |

- 1925 November 1 The congregation resolved to have one morning service a month in English...later there were two, and then three, morning services in the English language.
- 1927 January Rev. William Karsten was installed as pastor.
- 1927 April 3 The first meeting of the Sunday school.
- 1927 June 19 The congregation resolved to engage a female teacher to teach in the parochial school.
- 1928 Winter Rev. T. A. Weinhold of Pevely, Missouri, accepted the call of the congregation.
- 1928 June The Adult Bible Class was organized with an enrollment of 29.
- 1930 June Dr. F. W. Houser, secretary for 51 years, died after having been struck b an automobile in St. Louis.
- 1933 August Rev. W. H. Schwab of Slater, Missouri, was installed as pastor.
- 1935 October 27 Congregation observed the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
- 1936 Fall The congregation served as host to the West-Missouri Pastoral Conference.
- 1941 Fall A change to English language in all services was completed.
- 1942 February 1 Enlarged and renovated church was dedicated.
- 1944 February 3 A Men's Club was organized with 16 charter members.
- 1944 October California Zone of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League was organized, the local Ladies' Aid being one of the charter societies.
- 1947 January 26 Dedication of Maas cathedral chimes in memory of four men who died in the service of their country during World War II.
- 1949 November 20 Pastor Ferdinand Reith of Burt, Iowa, was installed as pastor.
- 1952 January Evening Guild was organized.
- 1952 Summer Parochial school was closed.
- 1959 Fall Church interior was redecorated.
- 1960 October 23-30 Congregation observed the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in four services.
- 1964 Purchased property north of church building.
- 1965 Pastor Keith Kiihne was installed as pastor.
- 1967 Moeller pipe organ and Schulmerich Carillon installed.
- 1968 September Three-phase building program approved.
- 1969 Pastor Martin F. Hofman was installed as pastor.
- 1970 May 14 Educational Building dedicated.

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| 1971 | December 5   | New parsonage dedicated.                                                                                                   |
| 1978 | January 8    | Junior Youth Organization forms.                                                                                           |
| 1982 |              | Pastor Walter Loeber was installed as pastor.                                                                              |
| 1982 | September    | Monthly fellowship for senior citizens begins.                                                                             |
| 1982 | October 11   | Ground breaking ceremony for new church building.                                                                          |
| 1983 | June 19      | New House of worship dedicated.                                                                                            |
| 1983 | October 9    | New bell tower dedicated.                                                                                                  |
| 1984 | July 29      | First weekly radio broadcast of Sunday services.                                                                           |
| 1984 | September 23 | Braille Center No. 181 dedicated.                                                                                          |
| 1985 | October 27   | Congregation observed the 125 <sup>th</sup> anniversary.                                                                   |
| 1986 | May 26       | Memorial Day Service held at St. Paul's Cemetery                                                                           |
| 1986 |              | Meeting rooms in church basement officially named Bethany Room and Martin Luther Room.                                     |
| 1987 | August       | Drive and parking area paved.                                                                                              |
| 1987 |              | First broadcast of St. Paul's worship service on KFUD.                                                                     |
| 1987 |              | St. Paul's Christmas program broadcast on TV Channel 25.                                                                   |
| 1988 |              | Purchase of two lots located south of the church.                                                                          |
| 1988 |              | Steel siding installed on west side of church/educational wing.                                                            |
| 1989 | January 1    | Dial-A-Meditation began.                                                                                                   |
| 1990 |              | Porch area enclosed and steel siding installed on educational wing.                                                        |
| 1994 |              | Pastor Peter M. Kurowski was installed as pastor.                                                                          |
| 1994 |              | <i>Lifelines of Love</i> mission/book project launched.                                                                    |
| 1995 |              | Kiwanis annual essay contest on good citizenship launched under the Lutheran "Kingdom of the Left Hand" theology.          |
| 1995 |              | Lutheran Layman League's <i>Red Boots for Christmas</i> video has input from St. Paul's.                                   |
| 1996 |              | New carillon system interfacing with the organ is installed by the family of Robert and Francis Jungmeyer in their memory. |
| 1996 |              | Sponsorship for <i>The Lutheran Hour</i> local broadcast begins.                                                           |
| 1996 |              | Lot south of church purchased for \$12,000.                                                                                |
| 1997 |              | Storage building/garage added to property.                                                                                 |

- 1997 Passenger van seating 15 purchased by the Joe and Fran Scallorns family for use by the congregation.
- 1998 Sara Hagemeyer, daughter of the congregation, does internship work at St. Paul's.
- 1998 Good Friday Cantatas inaugurated as evangelism arm.
- 1998 Jack Voigt provides the first of his two beautiful artwork displays to St. Paul's.
- 1998 Stained glass windows that flank each side of the altar are completely rebuilt.
- 1999 Pastor Kurowski serves as guest chaplain for the United States Congress.
- 2000 Major renovation for the church building in preparation for the 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. New lights and new carpet among other improvements for a total cost of \$67,000.
- 2000 October Congregation observed the 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Organ recital by the Reverend Gary R. Clayton with the theme "*By grace through faith.*"
- 2001 The family of Elora J. Denker establishes a scholarship to support education of those studying for Office of Holy Ministry.
- 2001 Pastor Martin Hoyer begins to assist Pastor Kurowski with duties at St. Paul's as Pastor Kurowski serves as First Vice President of the Missouri District.
- 2003 The leadership book, *Maps, Models and Morals* is produced by St. Paul's to raise money for good causes and assist in the training of future leaders.
- 2005 Improvements are made to the church basement by the Board of Trustees. Bathrooms are remodeled and tile added.
- 2005 The congregation holds many fundraisers and collections to assist victims of Hurricane Katrina.
- 2006 An elevator is installed.
- 2006 The library is renovated with upgrades and additions.
- 2007 January 1 St. Paul's Child Care Center opens as a local mission under the administration of Robyn Kleiboeker. Children aged birth-12 years can enroll.
- 2009 Exterior improvements are added to the entrance area of St. Paul's by the Board of Trustees with help from Thrivent members.
- 2009 St. Paul's Child Care begins to attend chapel each Friday morning with message by Pastor Kurowski.
- 2009 October Pastor Norman Friedmeyer, son of the congregation, preaches a powerful sermon to commence a year-long celebration of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. Paul's.
- 2009 Over \$6,000.00 is raised for Concordia Mission Society.
- 2010 Constitution and Bylaws of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, California, Missouri are reshaped for ministry of needs.

- 2010 A series of community events are hosted by the Anniversary Committee to celebrate God's grace and commend His gifts of creation, preservation and redemption. The theme is *150 Years of God's Grace!* Events include
- "Hats Off to All Saints" Sunday on November 1, 2009
  - California Christmas Parade float on December 5, 2009
  - John Wayne Presentation at the Finke Theatre on January 9, 2010
  - Gospel performers Cathy Barton & Dave Para at the Finke Theatre on February 13, 2010
  - IV-Year Seminarian Samuel Powell preaches on Youth Sunday, March 21, 2010
  - Marriage Seminar held April 9-10, 2010
  - Evangelism Seminar by Brad Aldrich from Cross Pollination Ministries on May 2, 2010
  - Pump organ accompanies one of the hymns during morning worship on June 20, 2010
  - Samuel Michael Powell, son of the congregation, is ordained on July 25, 2010
  - Ham & Turkey Festival Parade float on September 18, 2010
  - "Legends" show by George Kurowski at the Finke Theatre on October 9, 2010
- 2010 October 24 Congregation observed the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Missouri District Third Vice-President Dr. Ken Schurb is guest preacher. A German meal and afternoon program of rich remembrances follow, led by Dr. Paul Jungmeyer, chairman of the Anniversary Committee.
- 2010 Pastor Kurowski completes his 7<sup>th</sup> book during his tenure at St. Paul's with the goal of raising money for missions and encouragement for members in Synod walking together committed to the Gospel in all its articles.