

# Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

with proposed new

## Educational Building and Church Addition.



"Never was there a time when church work was more needed in the world than today. To provide more ample and adequate facilities for the training of the rising generation shows a sense of the need and a willingness to meet it.

"In God's name may you all work together and may His blessing crown your efforts with success. I am proud of your faith and courage."

A message from Rev. Paul W. Roth, D.D.,  
first Pastor of Holy Trinity Church, to its  
members and friends.



Headquarters for the  
NEW EDUCATIONAL BUILDING AND CHURCH ADDITION FUND  
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To the Members and Friends  
of Holy Trinity Church:

As you probably have learned we are about to begin a campaign to raise \$50,000 for the erection of our new Educational Building and Church Addition.

Seventy-five of the men of the Church will be organized to call on members of the Church and its friends, to solicit their gifts to this fund.

The new Educational Building and Church Addition are most urgently needed and will give Holy Trinity Church a splendid modern equipment to adequately serve the Church and our growing community.

We feel confident of your deep interest in this great forward step of our Church and also that you will receive those assigned to call on you with every encouragement and a most generous response.

Our unity in prayer, work and giving can have only one result — in achievement that will enlarge the present and future service of Holy Trinity Church.

Yours for a bigger and better Holy Trinity,

Rev. Armin George Weng, Ph.D., Pastor,  
Charles Flora, Campaign Chairman,  
R. W. Ritschard, Associate Chairman.

P.S. All gifts can be made payable in three years.



# The Church at Work.

The membership roll of the Church stands at 926.

The Sunday School registers 664 in all Departments and is growing steadily. 36 classes are crowded into meeting places in the present facilities; 9 meeting in the Church auditorium and 23 using the basement including the kitchen, while 4 others are located in vestibules, sacristy or such other space as is available. High grade work is exceedingly difficult as there are only a few rooms where classes can meet privately.

Our Church and School are growing in numbers and there is no space to provide for the expansion which is so vitally necessary.

Our children are the future of the Church. Our greatest responsibility is their care and their training in the faith and life of the Church.

The following organizations meet regularly and frequently under most adverse conditions: The Church Council, the Women's Auxiliary, the Missionary Society, the Brotherhood, the Luther League, the Young Married Couples Club, the Boy Scouts, the Senior Choir, the Junior Choir, the Light Brigade, the Intermediate Luther League, the Ushers' League, the Sunday School Orchestra, the Sunday School Board and various organized classes of the Sunday School.

Many of these have large membership lists and when more satisfactory facilities are provided they will increase their enrollments materially. They are all essential parts of a well-rounded program of Church and Sunday School life in the community.

These organizations are for service and fellowship. With the growth of Holy Trinity we are sorely hampered and inconvenienced in our present crowded quarters. As an illustration, our basement rooms must be used by all these organizations for their meetings.

Our Church suppers which mean so much for real fellowship are limited in numbers because of space available. The difficulties of preparing and serving are very great.

The music of our worship depends upon our Choir and Junior Choir. The rehearsals are now held under the greatest inconvenience and difficulty because of conflicting engagements by other groups. The Church Choir has the highest traditions and aims and should be properly cared for in order to give the best results which mean so much to us all.

Holy Trinity Church has a splendid troop of Boy Scouts. It is a remarkably fine thing for a boy to be a Scout. Our boys need a room for themselves.

For the above and many other expressions of service and fellowship, too numerous to mention in this brief statement, Holy Trinity Church must have adequate facilities if she is to serve well the hundreds who already throng her doors and those added numbers who are coming and who will join with us when our facilities are more adequate.



## The Future of a Church Educational Building in a Growing Community.

The facilities of a Church should give commodious and pleasant opportunity to the people for worship, fellowship, training and service. For the educational work for our young people the equipment should be modern and adequate. For the social life and work of the Church our building should be convenient, labor saving and the atmosphere should be the most pleasant.

For the business of the Church the Office, Board Room and Pastor's study should be up-to-date and readily accessible.

As we think of our opportunities we want our Church to take an increasing part in the life of the community and city. The children should have the Church's care under the best possible auspices. They should have their social life and friendships related with the Church as well as the grown people. For the sake of the girls and boys entrusted to our care, our School's equipment should be of the best.

As a Church we desire to be able to extend hospitality to the Church at large. We want our Church to receive from time to time the Synodical meetings and other large gatherings, that we may meet our obligations and privileges as one of the leading Churches in our Synod.

**The Church of Christ with its message of faith and peace and its brotherhood is what our world most needs in these days. For teaching and service the Church should be well equipped by every Parish and community. Its buildings should express our interest, our love of beauty, our sense of fitness as do our homes, and our belief in the utilitarian values,—FOR WE BUILD IN THE HIGHEST SENSE UNTO GOD!**

With our appreciation of the highest values in life, we desire to give of our own that our offerings may express what we most desire as Christians for our Church, our Community, our City, our State, our Nation and the World.

**Let us give most generously out of our heart's highest impulses to raise the \$50,000 for our new Educational Building and Church Addition.**

**Gifts can be made payable in three years. This plan makes it possible for us to give most generously without undue hardship.**

**Building costs are much lower now than at any time during the past ten years. Now is the time for us to proceed with our new building project, both from the standpoint of need and of cost.**

**We can make no better investment, none more secure, none more productive in the place of service to God and Country and none more lasting in the eternal verities of Christian Character, than to build into the lives of men, women and children—THE KINGDOM OF CHRIST.**

**THE EDUCATIONAL BUILDING AND CHURCH ADDITION WILL GREATLY HELP TOWARD THIS END.**



The new Educational Building and Church Addition will be the hearth-stone of Holy Trinity Church. It will be our symbol of the great truth that our congregation is a family and that our Educational Building is to minister to the true spirit of fellowship among our people.

We believe that the Church is to bring brotherhood upon the earth. We have built a Church for the worship of God,—now let us build our house for the fellowship and instruction of His people.



## Historic Calendar

Great Days in the Life of Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Oct. 19, 1902	First Service held in Unity Hall.
Jan. 29, 1903	Church organized—41 charter members.
June 21, 1903	Rev. Paul W. Roth installed as first Pastor.
May 10, 1904	Building site purchased.
June 10, 1906	Corner stone of new Church laid.
Jan. 27, 1907	New Church consecrated.
Mar. 21, 1909	New pipe organ consecrated.
July 28, 1910	Formal opening of newly purchased parsonage.
Nov. 1921	Church formally cleared of indebtedness.
Jan. 28, 1923	Twentieth anniversary service.
May 18, 1924	William D. Ackemann Memorial Chimes installed.
Jan. 27, 1928	Twenty-fifth anniversary service.
? ? ?	<b>Breaking of ground for new Educational Building and Church Addition.</b>
? ? ?	<b>Corner Stone laying for new Building and Addition.</b>
? ? ?	<b>Consecration of the new Building and Addition.</b>

YOUR GIFT WILL HELP TO MAKE THE LAST THREE DATES  
AN EARLY REALITY IN HOLY TRINITY'S  
LIFE AND SERVICE