

St Paul's Lutheran Church History

1948 Pastor C. Wayne Peterman was called by Mount Calvary to establish a mission church. The organizational service was held on Feb 1, 1948 at Montclair School. (currently the Montessori School just down the street.) There were 96 Charter Members. Luther League was started in April. Members of St.Paul's belonged to a church basketball league that played at YMCA.



1949 The basement unit was built and dedicated in July.

1950 Pastor Peterman resigned to continue full time at Mt Calvary. A student Pastor, Charles Zacher, served for the summer. Pastor George Wolfe began his ministry in October and formed the Millcreek Parish, consisting of St. Peter's and St. Paul's. This relationship with St. Peter's continued until 1964. Mrs. Stitzinger, a teacher and member of Asbury Methodist Church, established our first kindergarten class this year.



1953 The chapel was dedicated in July. Much of the finish work on this building was done by Pastor Wolfe (a skilled carpenter) and other parishioners. At this time we had 228

members and 150 in Sunday School.



1957 Pastor Wolfe resigned in May and Pastor Luther Clare began his tenure in July. The Clare family lived in a campground until the parsonage was completed.



1962 The Education Building was dedicated in September. It isn't clear what years Boy Scouts, Vacation Bible School, and Preschool were started, but they were all active by this time.

1966 While Pastor Clare was ill, we were served by Pastor Brewer. He was an accomplished circus performer, trained in Europe. This was a very interesting summer.

1967 We had three youth choirs with 63 young singers.

1972 Pastor Clare left in May of this year.

1973 Pastor Bob Danielson began his ministry with us in February. Pearl Danielson was also very active, leading music programs and serving in many other ways.

1979 The new Sanctuary was dedicated in September.

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1986 Construction of Fellowship Hall was begun, it was dedicated in May 1987.

1987 Pastor Richard Schultz became co-Pastor in April.



1989 Pastor Danielson resigned in June.

1991 Pastor Pamela Werner served as Associate Minister from April until March of 1993. Patchwork of Love began their quilting and knitting ministry this year.

2001 Rob Hart was hired as Youth Director, he led the first Mission Trip. He was with us for just over one year.

2002 Kelly Zimmerman filled the Youth Director position.

2005 Our worship space was renovated with new tile, carpeting, and upholstery.

2006 Our new organ was dedicated in October. We enjoyed Vicar Karen Parsh's internship with us from January to September.



2007 We celebrated Pastor Schultz's twenty years with us and he retired in July. Pastor Jan Marvar became our Interim Pastor in October.

2008 Four new people were hired this year, two to replace retiring office personnel. The Youth Director resigned to continue her education and her position was divided among two part-time workers. All are members of the congregation.

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2009 We were pleased to have a unanimous vote to call Pastor Scott Maxwell and his wife Candace Littell Maxwell to serve St. Paul's.



2012 Andrew Rainbow was hired as our Music Director, a very exciting hire for the music programs and the worship services.

2013 Two new hires took place this year with one being a new position, Director of Communications. Both are members of the congregation.

2015 Stephen Ministry began serving those in need within our congregation.

2016 Pastor Scott Maxwell took a new call in Delaware and we hired The Rev. Anita Bernhardt as our Interim Pastor



2018 We excitedly called Pastor Sami Pfalzgraf to our full-time pastor position. This is Sami's first call in the ministry.