

**THE CENTENNIAL**  
*of the*  
**FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**1863-1963**

**Scott Street**

**Ripon, Wisconsin**

*“A Learning and Witnessing Community  
through a Century of Growth and Faith”*

**1863 – 1963**



**OCTOBER, 1963**







## Senior Pastor's Message

*"Our Church: A Witnessing Community through a Century of Growth and Faith — 1863-1963"*

This is the theme chosen for our Centennial. It was not the suggestion of one or two individuals, but the consensus of opinion of the entire Centennial Committee. As such we are happy to pass it on to you who read these lines.

Our church is a *community*: a group of Christian people residing in the same area, sharing the same faith and fellowship, and participating in the same enterprise, this church. And because it is a Christian community, its primary aim and task is that of *witnessing* to its Lord, Jesus Christ; to spread His Gospel at home and abroad; to demonstrate the worthwhileness of a Christian life: a life lived within the fellowship of God and man.

Throughout these 100 years — from 1863 through 1963 — our church, this "witnessing community," has endeavored to do just that. And God has indeed blessed our efforts, for we have experienced a marvelous *growth* both spiritually and materially. It is quite impossible to point specifically to what the grace of our God has done in a spiritual way to the thousands who have come under the influence of this church through the years. But the evidence is there! It is to be found in the lives of people; in their attitudes toward others; their outlook on life; in the "set of their hearts" toward the things of God; in their *faith*.

Outwardly there is ample evidence of growth. From the smallest and weakest beginnings to a position of greatness and strength. From a mere handful to the largest of the churches of the community. Never narrow or exclusive in teaching and practice, but ever ready to "join with faithful souls" who strive to serve our God and King.

God grant that this church may ever continue to be a witnessing community for Christ, and continue to grow both inwardly and outwardly through faith in Him who has called us to be His Witnesses.

*Faithfully yours — Egon Schieler.*



## *Associate Pastor's Message*

Dear Christian Friends:

This is a great and wonderful moment as we stand on the threshold of history. Behind us is a story of courage, determination, and Christian conviction lived by people who believed that the Church of Jesus Christ must make her witness in the Community. We are able within these pages to reflect upon the efforts of "those who have gone before" and we might justly assume pride in their fine accomplishments for the Lord of the Church. We can praise and thank God for their steadfast commitment and courage, holding fast even in difficult moments. We can glance back upon glorious events and unpleasant events and say now, "the spirit of God was there among his people in helping our church grow in faith." One can almost sense the joy of that little congregation when they were able to say, "we have completed our first year." Envision the enthusiasm when ten years, then twenty-five, and finally fifty years had elapsed. And now we stand at the one hundredth year of Christian service.

It is good to look back and see where we have been . . . to see where we have been true to "the call of Christ," and also where we have failed. But here and now we also are passing into a new century and we must look forward as well. Like those who have preceded us we need to look to the future and ask, "Where can our church make its witness in the community?"

Today, more than ever, we need that spirit of witness and progress for the Christian Church is in a time of testing and peril where she is threatened on all sides. The Church is in danger of losing her effectiveness and we, standing on the threshold of a new century must insure that the voice of the church shall proclaim the Gospel, and that we shall keep the faith. This Centennial is our challenge to a spiritual rebirth as a witnessing community.

"Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus, to all generations, for ever and ever."

Amen.

*Your Servant in Christ— Harley Tretow.*

# Sketches from the History of the FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

RIPON, WISCONSIN

*"Remember all the way which the Lord your God has led you."—Deuteronomy 8:2.*

*"You are my witnesses," says the Lord, "and my servant whom I have chosen"—Isaiah 43:10.*



*Church in 1869*

Nineteen years after the "Wisconsin Phalanx" a communistic organization, under the leadership of Jesse Strong, settled at Ceresco (now a part of the city of Ripon) . . .

Ten years after the opening of Ripon College . . .

Nine years after the Republican Party was organized in the city of Ripon . . .

Five years after the city of Ripon, Wisconsin, was incorporated

And during the trying days of the Civil War . . . in the summer of the year 1863, the FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH was founded!

The Rev. Mr. Vorberg of West Bend, Wisconsin, was sent by the Lutheran Synod of Wisconsin to organize a German Protestant church in Ripon. In the organizational meeting that followed these men were elected to the first church council: Herman Stempel, Frederick A. Klein, Frederick Luettke, and Adolph Wolf.

On February 1, 1864, the Rev. G. Thiele became the first resident pastor, and a second congregational meeting was held in which a constitution was discussed and steps were taken toward the erection of a church building. The building committee consisted of: Frederick Nohl, Sr., Henry Weishaar, G. Griesse, C. Zobel, Adolph Wolf, and Frederick Weishoff.

In January, 1865, the site for the church was chosen

from among six available ones. It was purchased from Lawyer Seeley, was located at the eastern end of the city in Watson's addition, and comprised 65 square rods. The cost was \$475. The building, 36 x 54, with full basement, was to be built of stone.

On May 11, 1865, ground was broken and by fall the stone work was completed and the roof was in place. During the course of the following winter the basement was fitted up for the holding of the worship services.

In the meeting of April 4, 1866, the constitution-committee was appointed, and in the meeting of April 21, the constitution was adopted and printed. The congregation was called: "The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ripon." On September 21, 1866, the congregation was incorporated.

During this time the need for a German school was keenly felt, and the founders were instrumental in beginning this tradition which was upheld for many years. The mixed choir and the Sunday School trace their beginnings back to this period.

Since the Rev. G. Thiele refused to sanction the constitution and was not in harmony with the evangelical position of the founders, he was dismissed. With some of his friends of this congregation he founded the Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church of this city.

In the following "Sturm und Drang" period, a series of brief pastorates are to be noted. The Rev. H. W. Schmidt was installed December 22, 1866; the Rev. Robert Conrad on April 2, 1869; the Rev. David Ankele, on June 25, 1870 . . . it was during this pastorate that the church became acquainted with the Evangelical Synod of North America, which has supplied the congregation with pastors ever since. The year 1870 marks the completion of the church building for occupancy. In 1871, 33 rods of property were sold to the Sheboygan and Fond du Lac Railroad Company for \$549, which was used in the building fund. In August 1872, the church was dedicated. The cost of the church amounted to \$6,582.98, the tower \$600, total \$7,182.98. On July 2, 1875, the Rev. Robert Conrad returned for the second time, and served for one and one-half years.

On May 20, 1878, came the man whose record of achievements is indeed notable, — the Rev. Carl Dalies. The



*Church in 1890*

many changes in pastorates, the weakening through division, and debts, had discouraged the members so that everything depended on the right man. The results of his faithful service did not fail to appear. When after 30 years it became necessary for him to relinquish his position, he turned over to his successor a congregation of over 300 families, free from debt. When called to the triumphant life above on November 7, 1911, not only the congregation, but the entire community felt his loss keenly.

Though small at the time the Rev. Mr. Dalies came, the congregation rapidly outgrew its quarters and in 1890 it was found necessary to enlarge the church with an addition 38 feet wide and 28 feet long, plus an altar niche of eight

feet. New altar, pulpit and pews were installed. The Ladies' Aid which had been organized in 1880, provided for the refurnishing and redecorating of the interior. The confrimands supplied the round window toward the north, portraying Christ and the children. This addition provided added space for school purposes in the basement. In 1878 the first pipe organ was installed for \$725. In September 1889, the bells were procured amid great enthusiasm. The stained-glass windows, which have been retained, were purchased in 1904. A parsonage was built in 1879, and in 1888, a home directly to the west of that parsonage was purchased, and used as residence for the school teacher. In 1889 the parsonage was enlarged, and in 1897 the teachers residence was completely rebuilt. All the various phases of the congregational life progressed and developed during this time. In 1908 because of advancing age, the Rev. Dalies was forced to relinquish the reins.

On Pentecost Monday, 1908, the Rev. Fr. C. Kuether was installed as pastor by his aged predecessor. During his pastorate of 15 years many changes occurred and the church life was deepened and expanded. A time of transition set in, especially in regard to the use of the English language. Many improvements in equipment were made. In 1915 a fine pipe organ was purchased from the M. P. Moeller Co. at a cost to the congregation of \$4,500. (A similar amount was granted by the Carnegie Foundation.)

The steady growth of the congregation gradually impressed the idea that more adequate facilities be supplied, and even at this date the wish arose for a new modern church building. In 1909 the parsonage was rebuilt and refinished in modern manner. One of the changes made during this pastorate was in regard to the school activities. The first German parochial school teacher was Peter Schmidt. He received a salary of \$300 plus an additional \$50 as organist, and was furnished with several rooms and fire-wood. Soon another teacher was added in the person of Miss Thecla Everss. Following teachers were: William Schaem, 1883 to 1884; Gottlieb Blankenhahn, 1888 to 1892; William Ringeltaube, 1892 to 1894; August Kraemer, 1894 to 1896; Adam Breitenbach, 1896 to 1901; Adolph Muehler, 1901 to 1904; and August Kraemer, 1904 to 1909. As with most parochial schools, this one too, was finally discontinued, and in place of the teacher who also served as organist, Miss Ida Buchholz was engaged for this purpose. She has served faithfully, since September 10, 1910. The former teacher house became the organist's house. The Sunday School was developed from quite humble beginnings to such a position that it became a decided factor in the progressive development of the church, and assisted not only in its spiritual task, but also materially, with gifts for various purposes.

In 1923 the Rev. Kuether resigned to take up duties as President of Oakwood Institute at Cincinnati, Ohio. In November of the same year, the Rev. P. C. Kehle took up the work, and under his able and energetic guidance the church advanced to new heights of attainment. In January 1925 it was voted to rebuild and modernize the church building.



*Church in 1926*

Excavation began the following May, and the cornerstone was laid July 19. Dedication of the fine new building took place on April 18, 1926. Total cost of the building program had amounted to \$71,279.03, and though burdened with quite a debt, the congregation and pastor labored faithfully and hard, successfully weathering the depression years, reducing the debt materially, and expanding the activity and influence of the church. "The Messenger" came into being soon after Pastor Kehle's arrival, and has continued its service these many years. After fifteen years of service, the Rev. Kehle was called to the pastorate of our church in Monroe, Wisconsin, leaving amid the sorrow of church and towns people.

On July 1, 1938, the Rev. Egon E. Schieler began his pastorate among us. For the occasion of the 75th Anniversary which was observed in October of that year, the church building was completely redecorated in the interior, and repaired and refinished exteriorly wherever necessary. Nearly \$3,000 was spent for these purposes. Carpeting was laid in the sanctuary as a gift of the young people of the church, at a cost of nearly \$1,200.

It was in 1938 that the Leadership Training School, and the League and Church School Workers Conferences were first held at the Bible Institute at Green Lake, thus making

it easier for more of our folks to attend these meetings. Our Boy Scout Troop 37 was organized in November 1938 and before long our church was sponsoring two scouting units, not only Troop 37, but also Cub Pack 37, which was organized in November 1941. The coming of the war years saw many of our boys entering the service of their country. Our service flag, at war's end, had approximately 200 blue stars.

On October 11, 1943, the last of the church building fund debt was paid. In that same year our Children's Choir was organized, and a few years later the Women's Guild provided vestments for this new group. The annual meeting of 1946 made 18 year old members eligible to vote . . . previously none younger than 21 year olds had had the privilege. Visual education took a step forward in 1947 with the procurement of our own sound movie projector. In that year we began using "every-Sunday" bulletins which did much to improve the worship service. We had long realized that some day the parsonage would have to be replaced, but fire in late 1947 on the second floor was so serious that the undertaking could be postponed on longer. An architect, (Theodore Irion of Oshkosh) was engaged, work begun, and the pleasant new home for our Pastor and his family was dedicated on June 26, 1949. Our Christmas caroling had become a church-wide affair, with participation by every age group. The Altar Guild was organized in 1948 and has been most helpful in caring for the altar, preparing the communion elements, and providing our church with memorials.

In November 1951 the Married Couples Club had its beginning with a nucleus of 31 couples.

Also in 1951 we began having two worship services every Sunday during the summer months, to make it possible for more of our people to attend; and in early 1952 the two balconies were revamped for use as Sunday School classrooms, due to increased enrollment, and crowded conditions. In the same year our church furnished a room in the new addition to the local hospital. Maundy Thursday of 1953 saw the beginning of pew communion in our church. The Church Council authorized the employment of a full time office secretary who would also serve as financial secretary. In 1953 our church received as a gift, by a group of individuals, a life size Nativity Scene which has graced our west lawn at the Holy Season each year since then. The home to the east of our church was purchased with the thought in mind that our rapidly growing membership and Church School enrollment would make a building program in the not distant future necessary, and any such expansion would no doubt be toward the east. Since March 21, 1954 we have had two worship services every Sunday throughout the year. In 1955, for two weeks in June, we had our first Vacation Church School, and

this worthwhile venture has continued to grow each year. Our Ushers' Club was organized in 1955. Early in 1957 the Church Council was authorized to secure the services of an architect to submit plans for an educational unit, and necessary remodeling of certain parts of the church, so once again we called on Theodore Irion.

In 1957 the North Wisconsin Synod of the E. & R. Church purchased a 127 acre summer camp called Moon Beach, which is located near Eagle River, on Moon Lake and Little St. Germaine Lake, and its doors were opened to the Children, Youths, Adults, and Family Groups of the church that year. Many of our local people have taken advantage of this fine facility in these first seven years of its operation, and have come close to their God in the beauty of the northern woods and lakes.

The Nursery and Kindergarten Departments of the Sunday School had been quartered in the house to the east of the church, but now that construction of the new addition had begun (in 1958), the Alice Callan School was made available for those departments through the courtesy of the Ripon School Board. The Kindergarten Department of the Vacation Church School was conducted in the Parsonage basement.

At the annual meeting in 1959 the congregation voted to extend a call to Robert D. Schieler, son of our Pastor, to be our first Associate Pastor at the completion of his training, in June. On the Sunday after Easter in 1959, live radio broadcasts (over WCWC Ripon) of our worship services each Sunday morning were begun, thus bringing the Church to those of our members who were unable to come to the Church. On May 24, 1959, our \$220,000 educational unit and newly remodeled church were dedicated, and three weeks later, on June 14, Robert Schieler was ordained in our church, and installed as Associate Pastor of our congregation.

In January 1960, the Board of Christian Education was formed, and this group has been active in promoting the educational needs of the church. Beginning with World Wide Communion Sunday on October 2, 1960, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper has been administered each month, in our church. One of our fondest hopes was realized on January 22, 1961, when, at the annual meeting, our members voted overwhelmingly, to become full-fledged members of the United Church of Christ, which is a merger of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, and the Congregational Christian Churches, this merger having taken place formally, on June 25, 1957. In 1961 a Trust Fund was established by interested members, to provide financial help for young people of our church who wish to attend church colleges, seminaries, or nurses training schools, and who would not otherwise be able to do so. The objectives of this fund have subsequently been

expanded to include many another worthy cause.

In the Spring of each year, the Stewardship Committee of the United Church of Christ sponsors a contest for all age groups in the church; . . . this involving any one of five activities: writing a composition, composing a poem, making a poster, composing a hymn, or writing a play. We were extremely pleased in 1963, to have one of our own boys, Dale Prellwitz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester H. Prellwitz, win first prize on the National level, for the play he had written. This was no small honor. We are proud of the fine work done by all those of our people who have entered these contests, not only this year, but every year.

In November 1962, we regretfully accepted the resignation of Pastor "Bob" feeling that we could not urge him to remain in Ripon in view of the opportunity for the continuance of his training which had been offered him, in connection with a position as Chaplain of our own Elmhurst College. The Rev. Harley C. W. Tretow of Dale was called to take Pastor's Bob's place, and he took up his task among us in mid-April 1963.

Our organ was now almost fifty years old, and badly in need of extensive repairs, so in this, our 100th Anniversary year the remodeling and enlarging of it was undertaken. The organ has been completely electrified, eliminating all pneumatic action from the console; we have a new, modern console; many pipes have been added. This work has been done at a cost of almost \$15,000. Ours is now one of the very finest organs in this region, considered to be worth in excess of \$45,000.

Our membership has increased by over 700 during the intervening years since our Seventy-Fifth Anniversary, and now includes 1,748 communicant members and 564 children, or a total soul-membership of over 2,300. The total giving of our membership to the church and denominational causes in these last 25 years has increased from a little more than \$7,000 to over \$70,000.

## STATISTICS OF THE CONGREGATION

— 1863 to 1963 —

Baptisms .....	4,860
Confirmations .....	3,756
Marriages .....	1,656
Burials .....	2,290

## Our Pastors

Rev. Mr. Vorberg  
 Rev. Mr. G. Thiele  
 Rev. Mr. H. W. Schmidt  
 Rev. Mr. R. Conrad  
 Rev. Mr. D. Ankele  
 Rev. Mr. R. Conrad  
 Rev. Mr. Carl Dalies  
 Rev. Mr. Fr. C. Kuether  
 Rev. Mr. P. C. Kehle  
 Rev. Mr. E. E. Schieler  
 Rev. Mr. R. D. Schieler  
 Rev. Mr. Harley C. W. Tretow

1863  
 1863-1866  
 1866-1869  
 1869-1870  
 1870-1875  
 1875-1878  
 1878-1908  
 1908-1923  
 1923-1938  
 1938-  
 1959-1963  
 1963-



Rev. Mr. Carl Dalies



Rev. Mr. Fr. C. Kuether



Rev. Mr. P. C. Kehle



Rev. Mr. R. D. Schieler



Pastor Clarence Hammen

We recall with pride that one son of each of three of our ministers has himself entered the ministry . . . Frederick, (Fritz, as we all knew him) Kuether, born during his father's pastorate in Ripon, ordained in 1934, and now with the American Foundation, Religion and Psychiatry, New York City; Paul A. Kehle, born in LeMars, Iowa, ordained in 1963, and now serving in the United Church of Christ, in Campbellsport, Wisconsin; and Robert D. Schieler, born in Athens, Wisconsin, ordained in Ripon, in 1959, now serving as Chaplain, at Elmhurst (Illinois) College.

In all these hundred years, only one man from our church, who was not a son of the parsonage, chose to dedicate his life to God's service as a pastor, namely Clarence F. Hammen. The Rev. Hammen was ordained in Ripon in 1927, and is now serving the United Church of Christ in Kewaskum, Wisconsin.

## *Church Council*



*Front row, left to right—*Pastor Egon E. Schieler, Lester Laboyeske, President; Valentine Habel, Vice-President; Arnold Retzlaff, Secretary; Marvin Stark, Treasurer; and Pastor Harley C. W. Tretow

*Second row: Edwin Vande Brink, Clifford Haima, Carl Albright, Alfred Hasse, Howard Leu, Ray Schultz, Sidney Sherwood, Oscar Luedke*

## Former Councilmen



*Front row, left to right:* Arthur Hinz, Fred Boers, Ben Kolath, Charles Hazen, Charles Siedschlag, William Behnke, Herman Wilke, Walter Radke, Herman Wittlief

*Second row:* Harvey Krueger, Casper Jaspers, Gilbert Lambert, Clarence Seehaver, Herbert Daehn, Ben Wegner,

Gordon Peschke, Arthur Schure, Allmen Hammen

*Third row:* Lester Gneiser, William R. Miller, Norman Albright, Leslie Ninneman, Harold Rupnow, Emil Schilf, Arnold Schrader, and Donald Buchholz

*Absent:* Herbert Abel and Robert Rupnow.

## *The Senior Choir*



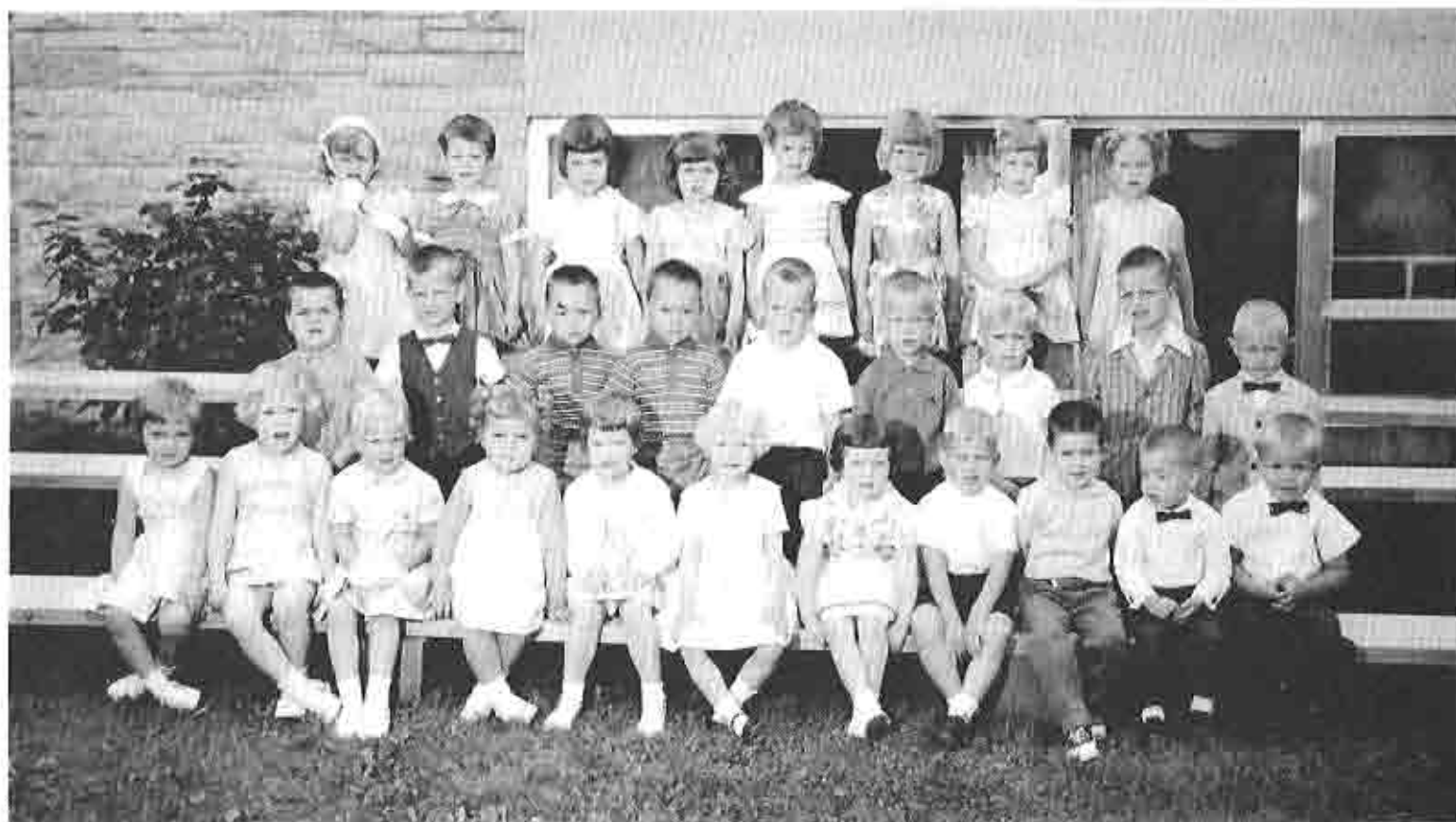
*Front row, left to right:* Harold Rupnow, director; Ida Buchholz, organist; Linda Wood, Doreen Rupnow, Eunice Schieler, Hildegard Rupnow, Viola Hageman, Ella Dahlke, Barbara Lueck, Gordon Alsum

*Second row:* Peter Schieler, Clara Schultz, Karen Morgan,

Judith Hoffman, Sharon Buchholz, Norma Zick, Alvina Lunde, Lenore Kohl, Daniel Gatzke

*Third row:* Fred Lehman, Marvin Schure, Earl Buchholz Jr., Earl Hoth, Harold Schieler, David Morgan, James Thomson, Earl Buchholz, Sr.

## *Nursery Department*



*First row, left to right:* Jodi Thiel, Carrie Albright, Karen Fischer, Nancy Kwiatkowski, Carole Miller, Diana Retzlaff, Lori Lee, Jon Schure, Kelly King, James Hebbe, John Alsum

*Second row:* Dennis Retzlaff, Richard Burton, David Clupp-

pert, DuWayne Cluppert, Richard Long, David Retzlaff, Scott Garb, Steven Walker, James Crook

*Third row:* Debra Miller, Renee Schwandt, Mona Sommerfeldt, Janet Malzhan, Sharon Stollfuss, Ann Marie Ryerson, Tamara Hageman, Anita Zabel

# *Kindergarten Department*



*Front row, left to right:* Barbara Radtke, Connie Sue Wittchow, Ricky Schwandt, Shirley Fredericks, Susan Retzlaff, Timothy Cluppert, Monica Hebbe, Kay Rasmussen, Susan Kuehn, Karen Stracy, Brian Vande Brink, Howard Hansen, Daniel Quade, Larry Lee, David Ryerson, Calvin Fischer, Beth Holmes,

*Second row:* Larry Cluppert, Larry Alsum, Randy Page, Marvin Sommerfeldt Jr., Charles Tretow, Jayne Malzhan,

Wayne Malzhan, Jeffrey Brown, Lori Thiel, Todd Gabriel, Douglas Retzlaff, Ricky Prellwitz, Christopher Thomson, Julie Sauer, Douglas Burk

*Third row:* Meredyth Albright, Melva Brown, Linda Retzlaff, Lori Waters, Randy Retzlaff, Steven Pretz, Randy Stracy, Nancy Malzhan, Lyle Kuehn, Julie Garb, Debra Thiel, Terri Thiel, Roger Hoffman, Charles Meyer

## Primary Department



*Front row, left to right:* Sheila Zabel, Randy Schwandt, Duane Hageman, Thomas Hielsberg, Betsy Konow, Gary Hahn, Kenneth Fischer, Sue Sherwood, Monica Sommerfeldt, Robyn Prellwitz, Carol Prellwitz, Phillip Wepner, John Berndt, Cynthia Fuller, Curtis Thiel, Amy Thom, James Sanders.

*Second row, left to right:* Brian Blauvelt, Danny Lee, Debra Quade, Dale Malzhan, Robert Lueck, Robert Kwiatkowski, Herman Berndt, Jeffery Frederick, Susan Leu, Dell Denbrook, Ronald Stracy, Richard Thiel, Terri Garb, Pamela Crook, Kenneth Kuehn.

*Third row, left to right:* Jane Miller, Jean Miller, Debra Wittchow, Christine Burton, Christopher Moyle, Robert Prellwitz, Bradley Koller, Debra Sauer, Vicki Kuhs, Tammi Dunn, Susan Hyde, Janice Mann, Joyce Malzhan, Carol Hoddinott.

*Fourth row, left to right:* Dennis Badtke, Janice Waters, Martin Sanders, Judith Baird, Michael Krueger, Mary Albright, Dennis Burk, Charles Alsum, Steven Yeomans, Michael Stark, Lynn Leu, Gary Retzlaff.

## *Lower Junior Department*



*Front row, left to right:* David Gatzke, Steven Schuchman, Donald Wolters, Charles Chipman, Ralph Sherwood, Larry Thom, Debra Waters, Georgia Grahn, Timothy Wepner, Gary Wittchow, Eugene Malzhan, Susan Lueck, Connie Jess, Russell Zuege, Steven Stellmacher.

*Second row, left to right:* Terrance Pfeiffer, Barry Vande Brink, Thomas Vande Brink, Diane Konow, James Schultz, Barbara Berndt, Kathryn Stracy, Elizabeth Tretow, Roxann Berndt, Nancy Hoffman, Barbara Lundahl, Roy Malzhan.

*Third row, left to right:* Roger Malzhan, Joann Lehman, Jane Krueger, Debra Berndt, Anthony Thomson, Mary Kay Ryerson, Marc Yeomans, Charleen Sanders, Gary Dahlke, Cooper Jess, Dennis Steinberg, Larry Hyde.

*Fourth row, left to right:* Lois Hansen, Deborah Wolters, Karen Albright, Lois Ann Albright, Deborah Stark, David Albright, Maureen Folsom, Wayne Krause, John Radke.

## Upper Junior Department



*Front row, left to right:* Diane Hahn, Jill Butzin, Wendy Prellwitz, Nancy Sherwood, Barbara Peterson, Debra Zeto, Karlon Malzhan, Jeff Butzin, Gary Eckert, Karen Prellwitz, Gail Konow, Janice Lundahl, Carol Steinberg, Ronald Sauer.

*Second row, left to right:* Bonnie Wood, Sharon Kroll, Darlene Dunn, Holly Hammen, Carol Malzhan, Wendy Manser, Sandra Asmus, Larry Schultz, William Widlake, Catherine Sieger, Dwain Prellwitz, Thomas Wilkes, David Hahn.

*Third row, left to right:* Delores Kaatz, Lisa Duac, Cynthia Miller, Jaclyn Moyer, Ruth Schuchman, Jacqueline Hyde, Judy Sasada, Suzanne Wolters, Roberta Pfennig, Jeannine Cotton, Dale Baird, David Berndt, Michael Hoth, Thomas Widlake, Michael Thom.

*Fourth row, left to right:* Ronald Wilkes, Elaine Pfeiffer, John Barclay, Larry Arndt, Gail Stellmacher, Darcy Ladwig, Karen Kroll, Linda Lambert, Thomas Mueller, DuWayne Klatt, Patti Albright, Susan Mann, Barbara Sauer, David Krueger.

## Senior Department



*Front row, left to right:* Nancy Mills, Carol Alvin, Gary Maizhan, William Grahm, James Koplin, Mark Conrad, Lakota Sasada, Caroline Dahlke, Terese Chipman, Donna Krueger, Mike Lundahl, Lee Zuege, Gary Konow, Sue Schuchman.

*Second row, left to right:* Jean Wilkes, Lois Seidler, David Badtke, Michael Zimmerman, Barbara Albright, Pattie Krueger, Nancy Stellmacher, Patricia Gehrke, Kathleen Wepner, Barbara Schultz, Barbara Lehman, Barbara Hansen, Daniel Voeltner, Gayheart Steineke, Kathleen Hammen.

*Third row, left to right:* Marsha Reinsch, Barbara Kuhs, Nancy Duac, Karen Sasada, Joan Steinberg, Sandra Krause, Mary Berg, Carol Kaatz, Carol Luchsinger, Penny Berndt, Cheryl Wilke, Phyllis Radke, Paula Haima, Kathleen Berg, Joyce Thiel.

*Fourth row, left to right:* Darwin Schultz, Gregory Wepner, Ronald Krueger, Phillip Manthei, Keith Krause, Lynn Denbrook, Dwight Sieger, Timothy Lee, Kurt Conrad, Dennis Hall, Thomas Ryerson, Gary Peterson, Thomas Wepner, Lee Prellwitz, Ronald Hoth.

## Church School Staff



*Front row, left to right:* Miss Nancy Stone, Mrs. Noel Thiel, Mrs. Marvin Malzhan, Mrs. Clarence Zimmerman, Mrs. Gordon Gehrke, Mrs. Arthur Kuehn, Mrs. Alice Snelling, Mrs. Howard Luker, Mrs. Gordon Alsum, Miss Noann Thiel, Mrs. Donald Schuchman, Mrs. Donald Blauvelt

*Second row, left to right:* Miss Lorraine Thiel, Mrs. Leslie Brown, Mrs. Earl Fischer, Mrs. Otto Hagemann, Mrs. Gordon Krueger, Miss Ruby Krause, Mrs. Oscar Hageman, Mrs. Alvina Lunde, Mrs. Francis Hoddinot, Mrs. Marvin Schure, Miss Judy Smith, Mrs. William R. Miller

*Third row, left to right:* Miss Donna Draves, Mrs. Ray Eckert, Mrs. Lyle King, Mrs. Merlin Kasten, Mrs. Lester Laboyeske, Mrs. Floyd Dunn, Mrs. Edwin Vande Brink, Mrs. Gilbert Meyer, Mrs. Clifford Klatt, Miss Viola Hagemann, Mrs. Jack Clark, James Thomson

*Fourth row, left to right:* Mrs. Earl Smith, Miss LaVern Draves, Miss Marian Wepner, Mrs. Warren Wilkes, Mrs. Richard Folsom, Mrs. William Wepner, Miss Ella Dahlke, Mrs. Earl Buchholz, Mrs. David Morgan, Clarence Zimmerman, Gordon Alsum, Floyd Dunn.

## *Weekday Church School Staff*



*Front Row (left to right): Mrs. Egon Schieler, Mrs. Floyd Dunn, Mrs. George Towne, Pastor Tretow.*

*Second Row: Mrs. Philip Peterson, Pastor Schieler, Mrs. Harley Tretow. Absent: Mrs. Louis Cain and Mrs. Frank Rudolph.*

## *Vacation School Staff*



*Front row, left to right:* Mrs. Floyd Dunn, Eileen Grahn, Nancy Prellwitz, Noann Thiel, Joyce Thiel, Gale Towne.

*Second row, left to right:* Mrs. Marvin Stark, Mrs. Harley Tretow, Mrs. Donald Koplein, Mrs. LeRoy Grahn, Mrs.

Howard Leu, Mrs. Clarence Voeltner, Marilyn Stark.

*Third row, left to right:* Pastor Harley Tretow, Peter Schieler, Mrs. Lyle Cory, Mrs. Dale Moore, Mrs. Phillip Prellwitz, Mrs. Phillip Peterson, Mrs. Egon Schieler, Pastor Egon Schieler.

## *Churchmen's Fellowship And Its Dartball Teams*



*Front row, left to right:* Lowell Hall, Henry Lieske, Louis Hammen, Alfred Gehrke, Dote Patchett, Edwin Hansen, Arthur Schure, Lawrence Harder, Allmen Hammen, Clarence Smith, Harley Steinberg, Treasurer; Harold Thorn-dike.

*Second row:* Fred Schlueter, Warren Wilkes, Gilbert Van Kirk, Kenneth Daehn, Fred Butzin, Arnold Schrader, Arthur Hinz, Walter Wallschlaeger, Herbert Abel, President; Gordon Peschke, Melvin Gibbons.

*Third row:* Floyd Dunn, Herman Wilke, Lester Gneiser, William Liefke, Fred Boers, Alfred Hasse, Clarence Hoffman, Herman Sommerfeldt, Norman Albright, John Barclay, Wm. R. Miller, Secretary; Claude Lee, Vice-President; Arthur Berndt.

*Fourth row:* Fred Retzlaff, Lester Laboyeske, Edwin Vande Brink, Emil Schilf, Clarence Gatzke, Ray Schultz, Oscar Luedke, Harry Retzlaff, Harold Hoth, Phil Reinecke, Lyle Lenz, Gordon Retzlaff.

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*Front row, left to right:* Mrs. John Miller, Mrs. Alfred Hasse, Mrs. Charles Peschke, Mrs. Albert Dornbrook, Mrs. Minnie Albrecht, Mrs. Howard Albright, Mrs. Herman Sommerfeldt, Mrs. Henry Lieske, Mrs. Theresa Schrader, Mrs. Sam Luchsinger, Mrs. Johanna Prellwitz, Miss Leona Hoffman, Mrs. Louis Hammen, Mrs. Mary Springborn, Mrs. Arthur Hinz, Mrs. Martha Kallas, Mrs. Arthur Steinbring, Mrs. Alfred Gehrke, Mrs. Emil Erdman.

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*Third row, left to right:* Miss Christine Krueger, Mrs. Sidney Bird, Mrs. Louis Cain, Mrs. Lester Laboyeske, Mrs. Robert Prellwitz, Sr., Mrs. Emil Stark, Mrs. Gilbert Van Kirk, Mrs. Harold Klingbeil, Mrs. Martha Kunst, Mrs. Lillie Timm, Mrs. Fred Boers, Mrs. Arnold Schrader, Mrs. Emil Schill, Mrs. John Resheske, Mrs. Dora Retzlaff, Mrs. Herbert Moderow, Mrs. Howard Leu.

*Fourth row, left to right:* Mrs. Harold Manthei, Mrs. Lowell Hall, Miss Ella Dahlke, Mrs. Clarence Voeltner, Miss Florence Krueger, Miss Viola Hagemann, Miss Mabel Banks, Miss Alice Banks, Mrs. Gordon Peschke, Mrs. Herman Wilke, Mrs. Arthur Schure, Mrs. August Frederick, Mrs. Floyd Dunn, Mrs. E. E. Schieler, Mrs. Marland Burt, Mrs. David Konow.

## *Altar Guild*



*First row, left to right:* Mrs. Noel Thiel, Mrs. Herbert Abel, Mrs. Andrew Kallas, Mrs. Alfred Gehrke, Mrs. Herman Sommerfeldt, Mrs. Casper Jaspers, Secretary and Treasurer; Mrs. Arnold Schrader, President.

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Herman Wittlief, Mrs. Erwin Koehler, Mrs. Egon Schieler, Pastor Egon Schieler.

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*Front row, left to right:* Lloyd Sauer, Mrs. Lloyd Sauer, Louis Hammen, Mrs. Louis Hammen, Lyle Sauer, Mrs. Lyle Sauer, Lester Gneiser, Mrs. Lester Gneiser, Arnold Schrader, Mrs. Arnold Schrader, Alfred Hasse, Mrs. Alfred Hasse, Emil Schilf, Mrs. Emil Schilf, Norman Albright, Mrs. Norman Albright.

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*Third row, left to right:* Lester Laboyeske, Alvin Wilkes, Mrs. Alvin Wilkes, Erwin Koehler, Mrs. Erwin Koehler, Herman Wilke, Mrs. Herman Wilke, Mrs. Arthur Berndt, Arthur Berndt, Treasurer; Mrs. Gordon Peschke, Gordon Peschke, Mrs. Floyd Dunn, Floyd Dunn, Mrs. Lawrence Harder, Lawrence Harder

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*Third row:* Mrs. Laura Sommerfeldt, Alvin Wilkes, Mrs. Alvin Wilkes, Erwin Koehler, Mrs. Erwin Koehler, Herman Wilke, Mrs. Herman Wilke, Mrs. Arthur Berndt, Arthur Berndt, Mrs. Gordon Peschke, Gordon Peschke, Mrs. Wallace Skotarzak, Wallace Skotarzak, Mrs. Allmen Hammen, Allmen Hammen, Mrs. William C. Miller, William C. Miller

*Fourth row:* Christine Krueger, Elmer Paschen, Clarence Voeltner, Mrs. Clarence Voeltner, Edwin Hansen, Mrs. Edwin Hansen, Mrs. Howard Albright, Howard Albright, Mrs. Lowell Hall, Lowell Hall, Mrs. Edwin Vande Brink, Edwin Vande Brink, Mrs. Arthur Schure, Arthur Schure, Mrs. Alfred Gehrke, Alfred Gehrke

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*Karen Sasada, Jean Wilkes, Lois Seidler, Joyce Thiel, Thomas Wepner, Mrs. Clarence Zimmerman, Mr. Clarence Zimmerman.*

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leen Meyer, Ida May Barclay, Mrs. Egon Schieler, Pastor Egon Schieler.

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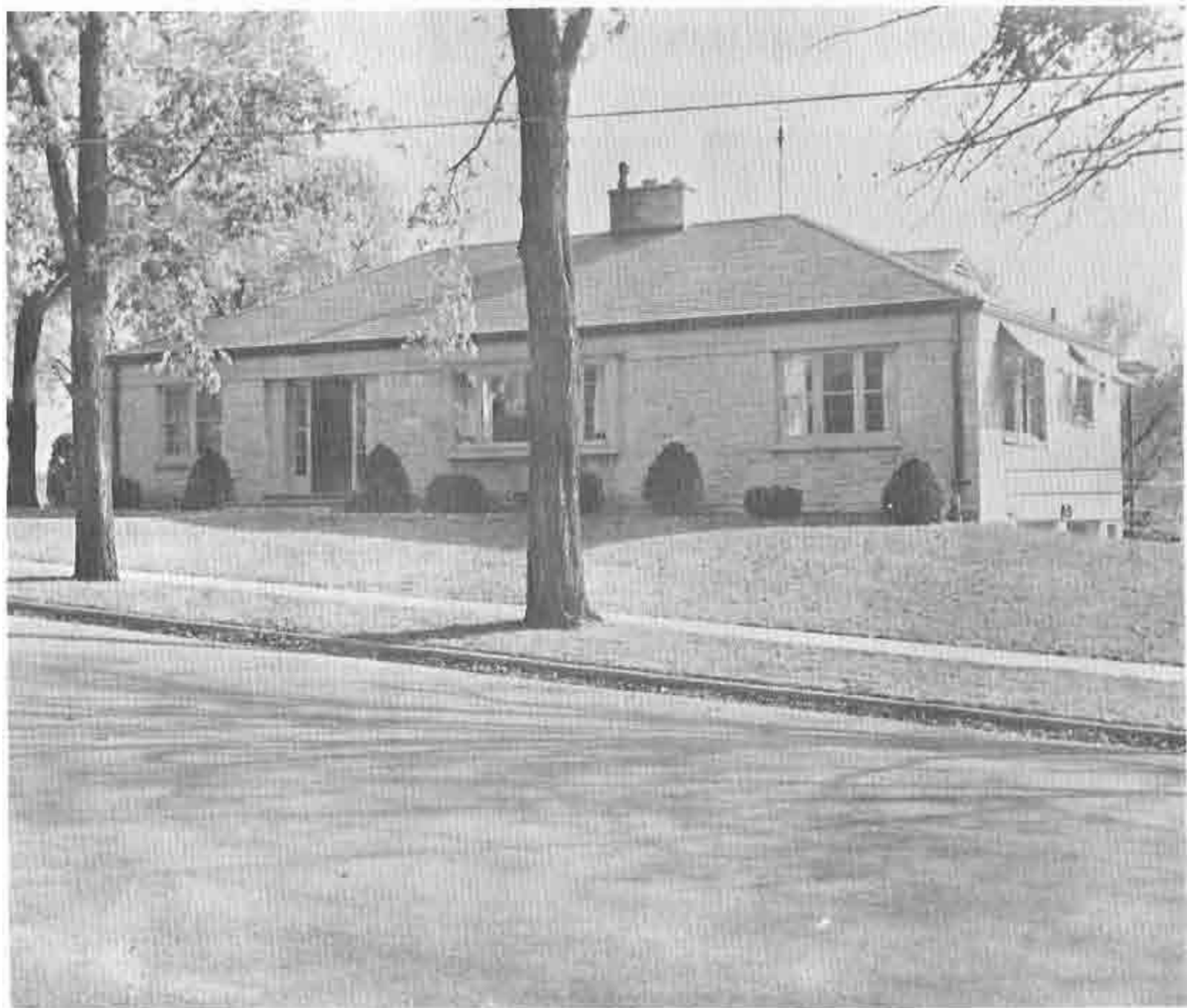
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Pastor and Mrs. Egon Schieler  
and Peter



Pastor and Mrs. Harley Tretow  
and Charles and Elizabeth



# Our Oldest Members



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101 years

Mrs. Wilhelmina Steinberg	95 years
Mrs. Lona Tobolt	92 years
Mrs. Emilie Heiman	91 years
Mr. Herman Gneiser	91 years
Mrs. Minnie Luker	90 years
Mrs. Hulda Rutz	89 years
Mr. Albert J. Zinth	89 years
Mrs. Minnie Boettcher	88 years
Mr. William H. Springborn	87 years
Miss Bertha Puhl	87 years
Mrs. Marie Hoffman	87 years
Mr. William Wichman	87 years
Mr. Emil Zamzow	87 years
Mrs. Emma Hasse	87 years
Mrs. Johanna Prellwitz	87 years
Mr. Rudolph Wilke	87 years
Mrs. Emma Gneiser	86 years
Mr. Albert Hopp	86 years
Mrs. Minnie Albrecht	86 years

Mrs. Amelia Springborn  
Mrs. Albertina Wegner

86 years  
85 years

## THE CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

The following people developed the plans and made the necessary arrangements for the Centennial observance.

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We take this opportunity to express our heartiest thanks to the above-mentioned members of the Centennial Committee for their zealous dedication to the task and for their many hours of devoted labor.

*Christ has no hands but our hands  
To do His work today;  
He has no feet but our feet  
To lead men in His way;  
He has no tongue but our tongues  
To tell men how He died;  
He has no help but our help  
To bring them to His side.*

—Amy Flint

## *Centennial Year Confirmation Class*



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Seidler, Ronald Krueger.  
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