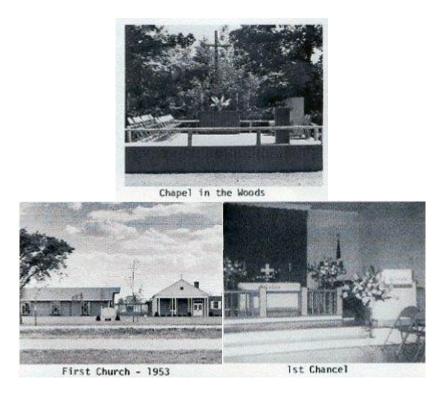
St. Luke Lutheran Church & School History

St. Luke was established in March of 1952 with the Church Extension Board purchase of 24 acres of land in Clinton Township south of Nunneley Road for a new mission church. The ground breaking for the first church (the present social hall) occurred in October, and the cornerstone was laid in November. The charter communicant membership was 96 as defined in December of the year.



The first pastor called to St. Luke was the Reverend Chaplan Dwaine Gade who accepted the call in April 1953 and was installed in June at the dedication service.



Other firsts for St. Luke in June include; the transfer of Mrs. Malcolm Dugliss and Baptism of Gary Lapplander. July brought the first adult confirmation, the wedding of

Harold Arnison and Florence Walch, the congregational organizational meeting, and installation of charter officers.

This was quickly followed with the first communion service, first Voter's Assembly, and organization of the Senior Choir in August 1953. Additional firsts for St. Luke in 1953 include, First children's confirmation class begins instruction in September, the Woman's Guild Organization meeting in October, and the adoption of the Constitution by the Voters' Assembly in December. Also, in December the first adult class was received into membership.

The trend of first time activities for St. Luke continued in 1954. This includes, in February, the first Junior Choir under the direction of Mr. Norman Schalm and Mrs. Robert McClenaghan, the April confirmation of the first children's class, and the organization of the Men's Club. Also, in March 1954 the growth in attendance necessitated the addition of a second Divine Service.

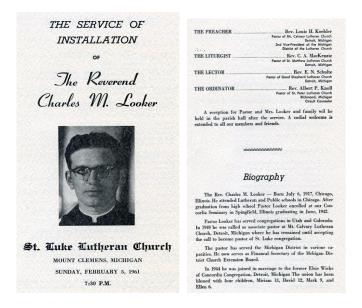
1956 brought additional growth and significant first time events for St. Luke. In April, were the ground breaking ceremonies for the new \$186,000 church and school additions. This was opened in September, and the congregation dedicated the facilities in December.





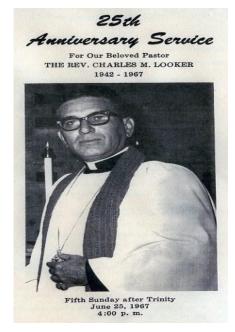
1957 started the era of anniversary, installation, and dedication services. This began with installation of Mr. Richard Bliese as principal and teacher in July.

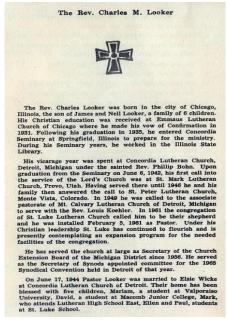
The next significant event was the installation of Reverend Charles M. Looker. He was called to serve St. Luke in 1961 and was installed on February 5, 1961.



Also, he has served as Secretary of the Church Extension Board of the Michigan District since 1956. In addition, he was selected as Secretary of Synods appointed committee for the 1965 Synodical Convention held in Detroit. Pastor Looker's installation was quickly followed by the Commemorative service for the 10th Anniversary of St. Luke in June 1963. September 1964 brought the installation of Mr. Clifford Dietrich as principal and teacher.

1967 continued the era of anniversary, installation, and dedication services. First was the 25th anniversary in the ministry for Reverend Looker.

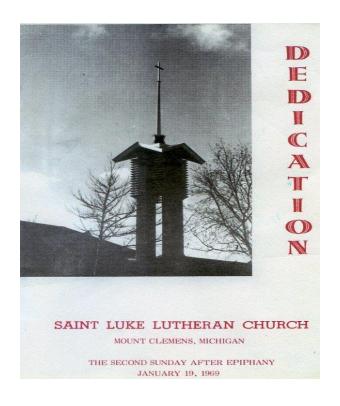


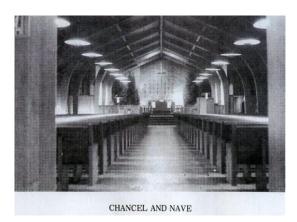


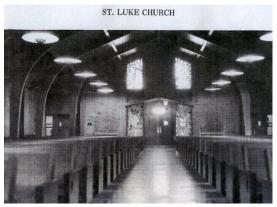
In September, was the installation of Mr. Charles Storck as a Teacher and Director of Music. In November, was the groundbreaking ceremony for the third addition of new buildings for the church and school campus.

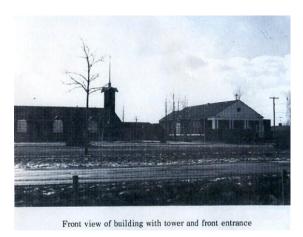


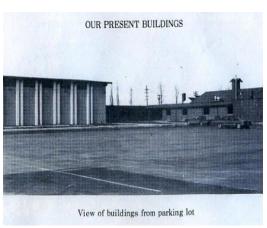
The significant events for 1968 include the laying of the cornerstone service for the new buildings in June. In December, it was identified that the Communicant membership of St. Luke is now 1,111 and the Soul membership has reached 1,931. The St. Luke expansion was culminated in January 1969 with the dedication of the third and largest unit of new buildings.

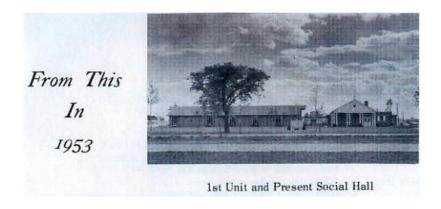










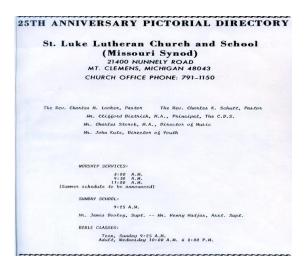




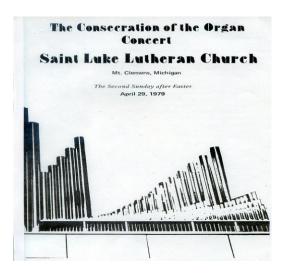
The expansion of St. Luke continued in October 1970 as Reverend Charles K. Schutt is called as a second Pastor. A key milestone was reached in 1973 when in June, St. Luke celebrated the 20th anniversary for the congregation. 1974 marked additions for the school staff, as in April, Mr. John Kutz is called as a Teacher and Director of Youth.

The years 1975 through 1979 again reflect the growth of St. Luke. In August 1975 the Advanced Planning Council was established. This led to the July 1976 ratification by the congregation for the addition of \$75,000 for a combination of a pipe-electronic organ, renovation of the chancel, and addition of two classrooms for the school.

The groundbreaking for the new additions occurred in August 1977, and the dedication of the additions to buildings was in June 1978. Also, in June was the celebration of St. Luke's 25th Anniversary.



This phase of growth was culminated in 1979 with the dedication of the Church Chancel and new addition along with the consecration of the new organ in April.

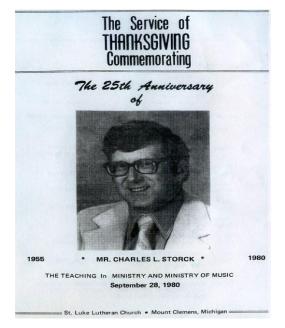


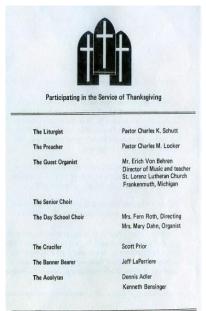


This was followed by the preparation for the new school year with the installation of new Teacher William Boss in August, and the installation of teacher John Kutz as Principal in September.

The years 1980 to 1983 witnessed key milestones for two of our dedicated servants and a key milestone for the congregation.

First, in 1980 Charles Storck celebrated 25 years in the teaching ministry.





BIOGRAPHY

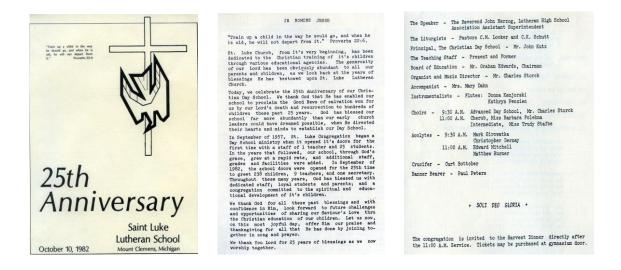
Mr. Storck was born on December 24, 1933, In Nashville, III., the son of Leonard and Viola Storck, and received his elementary education in Hoyleton, III. He graduated from Concordia Teachers College, River Forest in 1955, where he received his B.A. degree. He received a Master's degree in music from Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti.

Upon graduating in 1955 Mr. Storck accepted a call to Trinity, Wyandotta; then answered a call from St. Luke in Mt. Clemens in 1967, to teach 6th grade and serve as Director of Music.

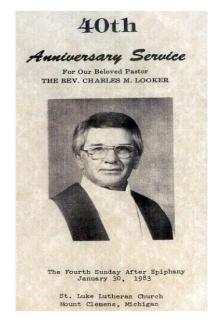
Mr. Storck was joined in marriage to Sharlon Roehrig in August, 1957. They have four sons: Ronald, Kevin, Alan and Brian.

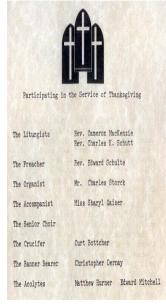
In addition to his duties at St. Luke, he has served as director of mass choirs at Lutheran Hour Rallies and the Mt. Clemens Reformation Festival Concerts. He is presently vice president of the Lutheran Church Musicians' Guild and chairman of the music committee of the South and East Lutheran Teachers' Conference.

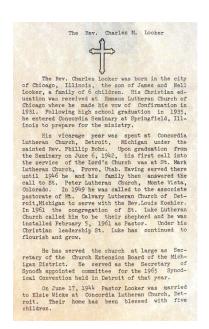
Next, the congregation celebrated the 25th Anniversary of the school in October, 1982.



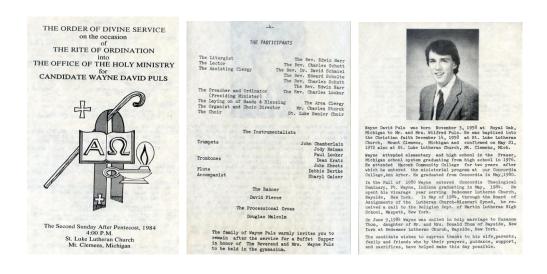
Last, was the celebration of 40 years in the ministry for Reverend Charles Looker in January 1983.

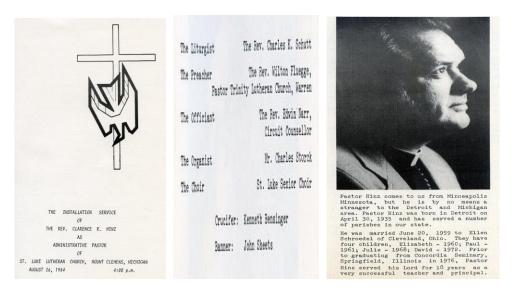






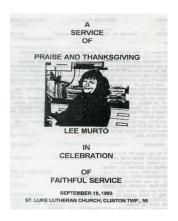
In 1984 and 1985 the church and school celebrated pastoral and school staff events. In June 1984, St. Luke member Wayne Puls was ordained into the Pastoral Ministry, and in August Reverend Clarence Hinz was installed as Administrative Pastor.





In August 1985, the church worker staff was expanded by installing Jared L. Weiss as Teacher, Fellowship Director, and Athletic Director.

The next significant milestone for St. Luke did not occur until 1992. In October of this year, Maureen Pickelman celebrated 25 years in the teaching ministry. This was followed with another celebration in 1993. In September of this year, Lee Murto was honored upon her retirement as school secretary.

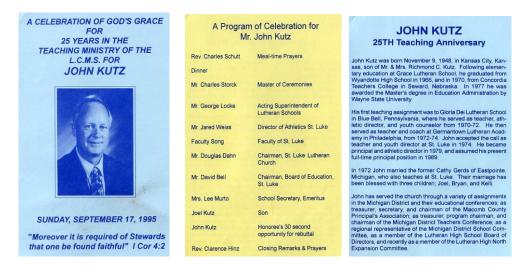


In addition, there was a similar years of service milestone in 1994, when in September, Barbara Polehna celebrated her 25 years in the teaching ministry as well.

The year 1995 included three significant milestones. All occurred in September. First, was the ordination and installation of Reverend Steven Mahlburg.



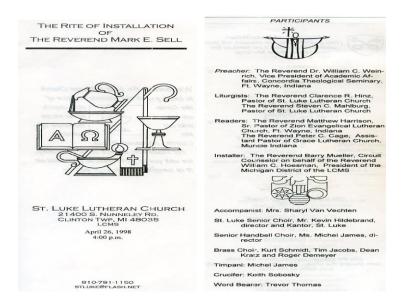
The second milestone, was John Kutz celebration of 25 years in the teaching ministry.



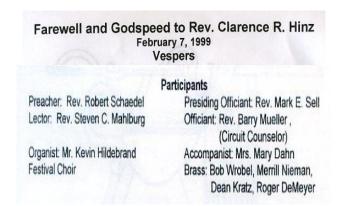
Then last, was the installation of Kevin Hildebrand as Director of Music, Kantor, and Teacher.

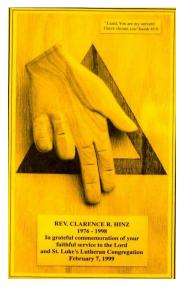
The next year, 1996 was highlighted by the retirement of Charles Storck in March, and followed in August with the installation of Joel Neumeyer as Teacher and Youth Director.

The remainder of the 20th Century brought four more milestones for St. Luke. In September 1997 Reverend Charles Schutt retired. In April of 1998 there was the installation of Reverend Mark E. Sell as Senior Pastor.

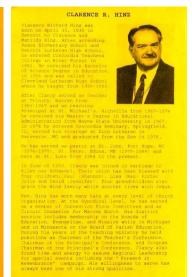


Then in February 1999 Reverend Clarence Hinz retired.



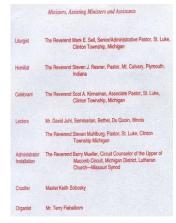






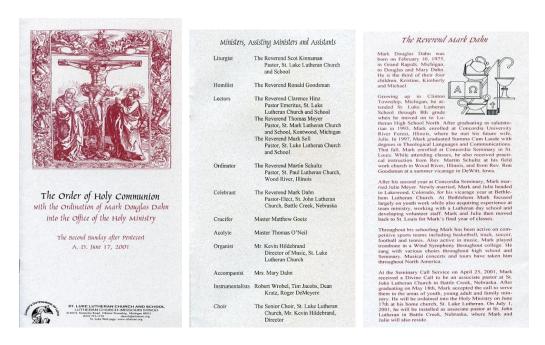
Also, this month brought the installation of Reverend Scot A. Kinnaman as an Associate Pastor





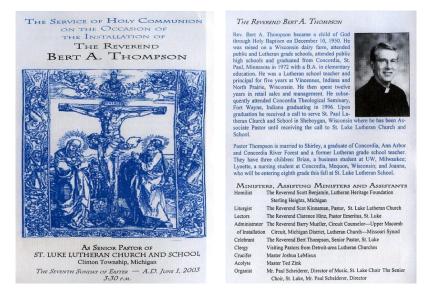


The next church milestones did not occur until 2001. In March, we offered farewell and Godspeed to Reverend Steven Mahlburg. Then in June, we celebrated a special occasion, the ordination into the pastoral ministry for Mark Dahn, a St. Luke member.

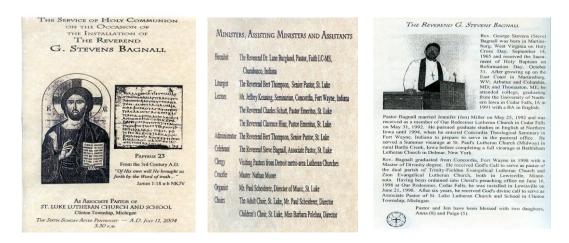


The year 2002 offered five church events. In April, Jared L. Weiss celebrated 25 years in the teaching ministry and in June, we bade John Kutz Farewell and Godspeed. In August, we also offered Farewell and Godspeed to Kevin Hildebrand. In addition, in August was the installation of Jared L. Weiss as school Principal. The final departure of 2002, was the offering of Farewell and Godspeed to Reverend Mark E. Sell.

The next significant milestone was the installation of Reverend Bert Thompson as Senior Pastor in June 2003.



This was followed in 2004 with the July installation of Reverend Steve Bagnall as Associate Pastor.



The next ceremony for St. Luke did not occur until 2009. This was the installation of Rev. James D. Fandrey on January 11 as Executive Director of the Lutheran Heritage Foundation.

