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Lutheran Church Organized in 1925

First Meetings Held in 1924 In Rented Hall

Editor's note—This week, the Rev. Theodore W. Schuessler, Jr., turns attention to his own congregation. Much of the material in this series was gathered by him when preparing a thesis for a master's degree in history. Features of the various churches have assumed greatly, also.)

By THEO. WUGGAZER, JR.
The Lutheran Church is the youngest of any denomination in the city. Its work dates back to the Fall of 1924, when, as the result of a survey conducted by the Detroit Pastoral Conference, the field was considered a likely one for the establishment of a Lutheran church. In September of that year, the Rev. L. A. Schuessler was called to establish and organize a congregation. For 2 1/2 months no services were conducted, but an intensive canvass was under way in order to determine the possibilities. This canvass revealed the fact that Birmingham was not predominantly a Lutheran field; yet when about 50 families declared themselves interested in the project, the decision was made to begin active work.

Organized in 1925
The first service was conducted in Johnston Shaw Hall, Nov. 23, 1924. A congregation was organized April 4, 1925, and the name Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church was adopted. It was affiliated with the English District of the Missouri Synod.

Under the leadership of Mr. Schuessler, the congregation experienced a satisfactory growth. In consequence, a lot was purchased at the corner of Lincoln and Ann, here a chapel was dedicated and dedicated May 10, 1925.

Less than a year later Mr. Schuessler left Birmingham, having accepted a call to another parish. For almost six months the church was without a minister. However, in September, 1926, a new minister was secured in the person of the Rev. R. E. Seager. His work extended over a period of four years, during which time a parsonage was constructed at the corner of Lincoln and Stanley.

In the summer of 1930, Mr. Seager left his pastorate here in order to take up work in a parish at Winston-Salem, N. C. At his departure the church numbered 38 communicant members. Almost a year elapsed before another minister was secured. During this time a number of Detroit ministers rendered their services to keep the little group intact. However, under such an arrangement it was impossible for progress to be maintained; in fact, it was difficult to keep going at all. Consequently, the decision was reached to call another permanent minister. The call was extended to the present pastor, who at the time was serving a parish near Cody, Wyoming. He assumed the local pastorate on April 19, 1931.

Steady Growth
In subsequent years there has been, though not a large, yet a steady growth in membership. At the present time the church ministers to a total of 209 baptized members. Seventy-five children are enrolled in the Sunday School. A Saturday School is maintained for the training of children for church membership. An annual budget of about \$2,500 is carried. Present officers of the church are: L. J. Marcotte, chairman; Gustave Chisna, secretary; Adolph Kowinski, treasurer; Ralph Kular, financial secretary; Robert McKee, Arthur Brenner, and H. E. Milbrandt, trustees.

The ladies of the church were



NEWEST CHURCH'S HOME
This is Redeemer Lutheran Church at the corner of East Lincoln avenue and Ann street, built in 1925 and dedicated May 10, 1925. Mr. Wuggazer, the present pastor, has been in charge here since 1931.



Mr. Wuggazer

organized into a Mission Group in February, 1925, a few months before the congregation was organized. In 1931 this group had a membership of six, which has now grown to 32. In recent years it has been very active in fostering the work of the church, and sponsoring a variety of charities. It sponsors an active mission committee under the chairmanship of Mrs. Robert McKee. Mrs. Fred Samuelson is president of the organization.

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MAY, 1940

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Advantages of Birmingham Homes Told in Article

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 5. Cost of land any way you want to figure it, is one-fifth. Construction costs are the same.
 6. Servant costs, with three sources of supply, Birmingham, Pontiac and Detroit, are the same.
 7. Light and heat, etc. are the same.

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"The many advantages of this life come to our attention not only in the summer months but all through the year. Winter sports, skating, tobogganing, skiing, tobogganing are at our very door. Swimming, golf and tennis and other summer vacations are at hand.

"Community spirit and neighborliness reign throughout the district. The 'village' atmosphere is still the most wholesome for the happy family and in Birmingham we find it at its best. Garden lovers have their chance at self expression. Art and nature enthusiasts live with their hobbies. There are fine schools and churches.

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Mayor Proclaims Army Day April 6

Mayor John E. Martz has issued the following proclamation calling attention to Saturday, April 6, as Army Day:

PROCLAMATION
Army Day, which will occur this year on Saturday, April 6, will be observed generally on Friday, April 5, in order to permit more people to participate in the patriotic testimony to our Country and its defenders. This will be the thirtieth year of the nation-wide recognition of the part our military forces play in the upbuilding of our country.

The purpose of the observance is to focus public attention on the United States Army and its activities, to promote an intelligent understanding of the functions of the Army in peace as well as in wartime emergencies, and to consider the problems of our national defense that peace for our nation may be maintained.

In the hope that we never shall be involved in another war, let us, by the observance of this anniversary, demonstrate our devotion to those who have sacrificed themselves that we may always enjoy the blessings that abound here as in no other land, and resolve that we shall strive to preserve for our posterity those same blessings which we hold so close to our hearts.

Given under my hand and the seal of the City of Birmingham, this 26th day of March, Nineteen hundred and forty.

JOHN E. MARTZ,
Mayor.

The Charles Edwards Post of the American Legion is celebrating the occasion by keeping open house all day Saturday, April 6, with an old fashioned box social Saturday evening with a program and dancing.

Travel Is Cheap
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