

THE SAGA OF ST. PAUL'S

THE DAWN

St. Paul's United Church, not a stately edifice, not a denomination, not a creed, but people: People with the love of Christ in their hearts, People with concern for others, People with a breadth of sympathy ready to share their faith and experience. The Church is Christ's plan, as John Masefield wrote:

*"I knew that Christ had given me birth
To brother all the souls on Earth."*

So thought our brave and fearless forefathers, who, despite hardship and adversity banded together during 1892 to form a church. In the spring of the year Estevan had started as a tent town. By the middle of June, although tents were still the homes of residents, a dozen business places had been established. As the summer passed tar paper shacks in their appearance. One of our senior members tells of his family arriving with a carload of settlers and effects from the East and settling on a homestead thirteen miles northeast of Estevan where they built a sod house and barn. He relates, "The settler's effects included two cows which turned out to be life savers by producing milk to make white gravy to spread on bread, but as the cold winter with a lot of snow and blizzards hung on, the cows gave less and less milk and the gravy was losing its whiteness. To add to this dilemma the flour was going dry, as was the coal bin." Building supplies in Estevan, also were scarce and people made do with whatever they had. The first church was not a building, but a fellowship. The first services were held in the humble homes where they prayed together, "Give us this day our daily bread" with a fervency known only to those who had suffered the pangs of hunger. With "Thy will be done" they put their trust in the Lord to see them through.

Late in the "summer of 1892 the Brandon-Souris-Estevan branch of the C.P.R. was completed"¹ and Estevan experienced a boom period. The growth of the community was rapid. Filled with the courage of their convictions a second congregation was formed and our forefathers now met in halls and in the back part of what later became Central School. The Methodists and Presbyterians were on the move.

FITTING ACCOMMODATION

Then the boom broke and years of drought followed. "With little rain plus grasshoppers and a gopher plague the farms produced little to nothing," relates one of senior members, "so in early spring a move was made into Estevan where there was some meager employment, such as \$1.15 for a ten hour day with a pick and shovel on the railway section." Once more our forefathers knelt in adversity. Settlers moved away and the two congregations were weakened. However students and ordained ministers continued to administer faithfully through the dark years and slowly the congregation began to grow again

¹ [Estevan, the Power Centre](#) ... Andrew King

At last it was time to build! The statement at the head of the original subscription list of the Presbyterian Church read:

"A time has come in the history of Estevan when Evangelical Christians should present to the community at large a visible sign that Public Worship is an established institution" ... "The maintenance of Gospel Ordinances being accepted as a duty binding upon Christians, it follows that they are bound to provide fitting accommodation for all who wish to meet in the orderly and reverent worship of God" ... "Holding these principles binding upon us, we, the undersigned, agree to

contribute the several sums set opposite our respective names, in cash, material or labour towards the erection and completion of a Presbyterian Church building in. and for the town of Estevan and vicinity."²

By sacrifice and consecrated effort our pioneer predecessors produced during 1902 and 1903 not one, but two church

buildings at the intersection of Third Street and Twelfth Avenue ... It was with fervent prayer and unselfish effort that Reverend Clarke and his fellow worshippers were able to dedicate the beautiful little Stone Church to be known as Westminster Presbyterian Church. This typical little pioneer church still stands as a testimony to their faith and



Westminster Presbyterian Church - 1902



Trinity Methodist Church - 1903

² The Records of Westminster Presbyterian Church

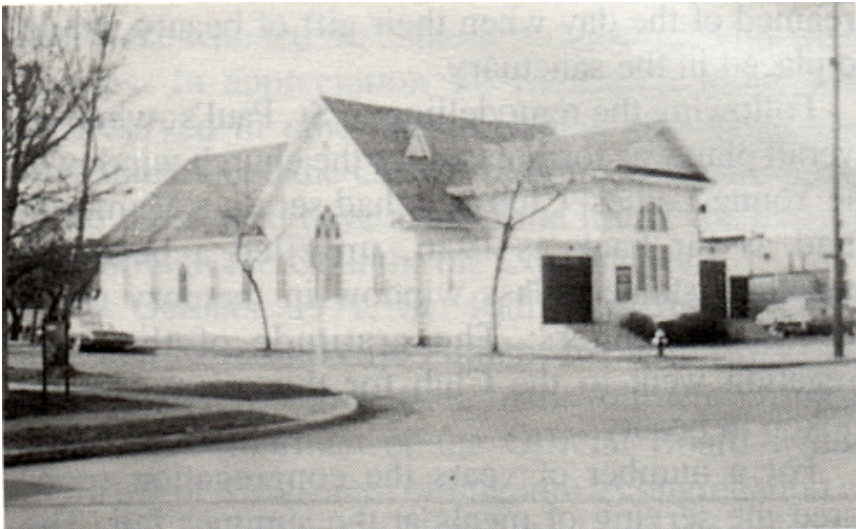
faithfulness. With equal sacrifice and effort the Trinity Methodist Church with Reverend

Charles Endicott as minister was also completed and dedicated in 1903. In 1907 an extension, the present centre section, was added to the Methodist Church. The Methodist Minister at that time was Reverend H. G. Cairns.



Trinity Methodist Church, 1903, extended in 1907, became the United Church of Estevan in 1921 and St. Paul's United Church in 1931 and was extended again in 1949.

An account of the early days in our Church would not be complete without mentioning some of the activities of the faithful women, ever ready to serve. Ladies' Aids were formed in the Presbyterian and Methodist Church. Their main objectives were the raising of money for the Church building and Current Expenses,



St. Paul's United Church in the early 1950's

however their duties were

numerous. A member of the Ladies' Aid in the early years tells of preparing for a fund-raising dinner held in Westminster Church. As the basement kitchen facilities at that time consisted of a rough wooden work table and inadequate stove, everything had to be prepared at home and taken to the Church hot, ready to serve. Each member cooked a complete dinner consisting of roast, vegetables, gravy, salads, and pie, enough for twelve people. Many husbands went to the Church to help serve and many

were pressed into service at home with the children to aid the cause. Does history repeat itself?

In 1907 the Women's Foreign Mission Society was formed and demonstrates to us that even in times when circumstances were far from ideal in the Home Church, the women were willing to offer assistance to those less fortunate. This Society continued until 1917, when it was changed to the Women's Missionary Society. In 1915 the manse was built and the furnishing became the responsibility of the Ladies' Aid. In 1916 the Young Ladies' Club formed, a very worthwhile organization also, which raised the question for many years to come as to who were young ladies and who were not, because, as the years went by and the young ladies became older they were loathe to leave their cherished organization. It is interesting to note that many years later the Young Ladies' Club became the Young Women's Club as it was thought this name sounded better from the pulpit in announcements!

Through the dark days of World War I many from the Presbyterian and Methodist congregations served in the armed forces. Once more the ladies of the churches were busy knitting, making quilts, and sending parcels overseas. A shadow fell upon both churches when many of their young men, who, unmindful of self had volunteered, were lost to them "Among the crosses, row on row". Their memory was honored by the beautiful stained glass window in the sanctuary dedicated in 1925.

A NEW CHURCH IS BORN

After suffering fires in both churches, "the sharing of accommodation and closer fellowship bore fruit, and culminated in the formation of a Local Union Congregation to be known as The United Church of Estevan."³ The new church was born on July 21, 1921 with 289 members drawn from both congregations. Worship was carried on in the former Trinity Methodist Church while the Westminster Presbyterian Church was used for the various activities of the congregation, the equivalent of the Christian Education Building of to-day. While all of this sounds very pat and precise, such a change never takes place in any congregation, no matter how devout, without some dissension and even withdrawal, a few ties being broken, some feelings being hurt, and many humorous situations developing. Fortunately there was enough humour in the situation to bridge the severed ties and mend the damaged feelings.

Denominational lines were ignored when the first ministers "preached for a call" and many situations arose, such as this, once told of an old Scottish Lady, who, upon hearing a Presbyterian Minister in the morning and a Methodist in the evening, remarked, "That mon in the morning was grand, a true Presbyterian, but I couldna' stand that Methody body at night."⁴ Fortunately ministers were appointed for a four-year term alternately Methodist or Presbyterian:

Many Methodists recall how often they were required to sing "Faith of our Fathers when a good Methodist hymn would more surely have bolstered their faith! And then

³ The Records of the United Church

⁴ [Brief Halt at Mile Fifty](#) ... Grace Lane

there was the little Scottish lady, firm of voice as well as religious persuasion, who sang, "Holh, Holh, Holh," a little behind the rest of the congregation, so that the concerted choral effort came out, HolTh, HolTh, HolTh," much to the amusement of the mischievous youngsters in the front row!

On June 10, 1925 in the Mutual Street Arena in Toronto delegates from the Congregational, Methodist, Presbyterian and the Council of the Local Union of Churches melded into one marching congregation as 8000 voices were lifted in singing:

*"The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord."*

They were merging their long-held loyalties into an indigenous Canadian Church - the United Church of Canada was born! While Toronto was the focus of all this excitement the rest of Canada was staging birthday gatherings. The Estevan congregation, already united, had voted to become part of the United Church of Canada upon the consummation of church union. Thus on June 10th the United Church of Estevan became part of the United Church of Canada under the guidance of Rev. L.E. Berry. The congregation continued to worship in the former Trinity Church but the facilities of this and Westminster Church were needed for the various activities of the congregation.

TEN LOST YEARS

Five years after Union the Church was shaken to its foundations by two traumatic events, the crash of the New York stock market in 1929 bringing world-wide depression, and a following decade of drought on the Canadian prairies. In Estevan those were bitter years of parched earth, grasshoppers, and soil drifting amid the tumbling tumbleweed. The churches not only sustained morale but were relief agencies as well. Need was their only criterion. The women of the Church, now named the W.A. supplied the church cupboards and husbands complained that the only way to rescue one good suit was to sleep in it! Easterners rallied their congregations and sent out bales of clothing. Gifts poured in for the needy, warm winter coats for children, carloads of free vegetables and flour, fruits, haddock, and tons of beans! The Church became what it was intended to be, not a great institution but a mighty force for good in the community, people providing a helping hand in time of need. The Church and the Red Cross worked together. The Church, the rink, and school concerts brought laughter through tears and dust. Boys and girls flocked to Youth Groups and Church membership rose. Ministers took cuts in salaries and stayed on, their work load becoming increasingly heavy. The Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Stewards at the time tells of taking home the Church offering on Sunday night and of the Minister calling for it as a partial salary payment on Monday morning, so great was the need.

In 1931 the congregation, still known as the Estevan United Church having left behind the names of Westminster and Trinity at the time of local union, decided to take a new name. By vote of the congregation the present name, St. Paul's United Church was chosen.

In 1933 and 1934 Reverend P. T. Dennis provided inspiration and guidance to the congregation and community, working long hours and undermining his own health in providing relief for the needy. His role in morale building was invaluable and endeared him to his congregation. In his loyal and sacrificial devotion he went on to a higher call, leaving his loved ones behind. The bereaved congregation of St. Paul's sorrowfully, yet prayerfully, committed their loved one into a Father's gracious keeping.

Notwithstanding their work in relieving the needy the Ladies, Aid of St. Paul's was now busy with travelling baskets, Pantry Sales, Bazaars and Circles. The Women's Missionary Society was raising money through Envelopes, Easter and Autumn Thankofferings, Mite Boxes.- Sing Songs, Plays and Teas. The Young Ladies' Club served the Festival Luncheon, Teas and Bazaars. Their St. Patrick's Tea was a highlight of the year with a high attendance including Estevan's businessman and women who took a few minutes on a busy Saturday for relaxation and tea, which was served to them promptly. The Young Ladies had gathered previously for a decorating bee so that Westminster Church looked like a "bit of Old Ireland" right down to the detail of green jellied salads. All of the Women's Groups spent hours preparing their Bazaar items, novelties, and delicious baking for their Pantry Sales. While the donations from all groups were needed and gratefully received the true value of their activities was in their incomparable fellowship.

A SAD DAY FOR ALL CANADIANS

"The Great Depression was over. It had not been solved by the best brains in the country but by demands of total war, courtesy of Adolph Hitler."⁵

Sunday, September 3, 1939 was a sad day for all Canadians as they gathered for worship, apprehensive and heavy hearted. A few hours earlier Great Britain had declared war on Germany and Canada's entry was inevitable. A hush fell upon St. Paul's congregation as Rev. H. A. Mutchmor spoke very softly ministering to the spiritual and emotional needs of his people at this time. They slowly and ponderously left the Church in silence with only a quiet handshake here and there which seemed to say, "May God be with your boys and mine."

In no time our young men and women were enlisted and far away. Young wives were anxious, children missed their fathers. Pastoral services were never more needed; it took stout hearts to face such difficulties. Here again, the Women's Groups were not idle. They knit, made quilts, sold War Savings Stamps, and sent parcels overseas. By the end of 1941 half a million Canadians were under arms, twelve hundred of them native Indian people. By June 1941 the Congregational War Service Units of the United Church of Canada had turned in 2,500,349 articles made by our women. In 1944 and 1945 St. Paul's Sewing Circle donated 38 quilts to the Red Cross and 107 children's articles to the Red Cross and Bits for Britain.

When the Royal Air Force Advanced Training Station opened in the Estevan Airport in the spring of 1942, St. Paul's Congregation did what they could to help those who

⁵ The Ten Lost Years ... Barry Broadfoot

were in the R.A.F. Training base find a spiritual home in our Church while they trained for combat. The groups took turns in preparing programs and entertainment for the men and helping at the Hostess Club. They included the wives of Airmen in their Groups. Many English and Scottish boys became part of St. Paul's families; in the Church some took their place in the pulpit, at the organ and in the Choir. The congregation has many fond memories of an excellent violinist and an outstanding organist and many, with sorrow, recall that their beloved organist, on returning overseas, lost his life on his second flight over enemy territory. It was a touching time in the life of St. Paul's and it is evident that St. Paul's made a deep and meaningful impression on the boys that joined its family by the correspondence and contacts which have continued throughout the years, one of them having phoned from Los Angeles at Christmas 1974.

These were the days of registration, ration cards and shortages. It is interesting to note that on September 8, 1942, each member of the Young Ladies' Club brought a teaspoon of teas to the Club so that tea might be served at the meetings. They were also venturing on a Silver Trail as church financiers. Once a year, on a Saturday, a wide silver strip was painted at the edge of the sidewalk in the downtown area. It was manned by Young Ladies who approached pedestrians for silver donations which were placed on the trail. All went well and the trail of silver grew until some mischievous youngsters discovered that a little gum on their shoes added to their weekly allowances!

THE WAR IS OVER

The war was over but the problems it left behind were not. In Great Britain, Western Europe, Japan, and Korea devastation and suffering were everywhere. The churches wholeheartedly again supported a National Clothing Drive. Our local congregation pitched in to help keep clothing depots supplied. Our veterans had to find themselves again as civilians. Families began to re-establish themselves and soon Estevan experienced a baby boom.

Once more our thoughts returned to the boys who did not return from the war and to their bereaved families. On June 29 1952 the memory of those who served in World War II was honored by the installation of a Memorial Organ. Members of the congregation had purchased keys of the organ in the memory of loved ones to finance the purchase of this beautiful instrument.

St. Paul's emerged a stronger and more effective congregation with the days of peace and prosperity. The whole depression debt was paid and the Missionary and Maintenance Fund rose. Mid-century found the congregation taxing its facilities beyond the limit. Finally a decision was reached to dispose of the Stone Church, selling it to the Salvation Army to help finance an extension to the Church then being used for worship. In this way the life and work of the congregation might be under one roof and the sanctuary extended to meet the needs of a growing congregation. On July 1, 1949 the United Church Observer ran a picture and an article showing the turning of the sod on the first major building project St. Paul's had undertaken since Union. The

brief early morning ceremony was conducted by the minister, Rev. R. H. Morgan, assisted by the Church Choir and attended by a large congregation. When the sod had been turned those watching sang the Doxology and then joined in the prayer of dedication. As soon as the crowd moved on to the sidewalk the big shovel swung into action while many lingered to watch the cherished dream of the church come closer to realization. They were at the same time waving a fond farewell to their first little church, the church of their forefathers, which had for so many years been the home of Sunday School Classes, Youth Groups and Women's Organizations, as well as the scene of Socials and Wedding Receptions.

Once again the women of St. Paul's went to work faithfully. The W. A. completely finished and furnished the new kitchen which today is still in use. The Young Ladies' Club took over the furnishing of the Church Parlor. Two of its members shopped for the furniture which is still in use there. Rugs were purchased and drapes made. Lamps and pictures were donated by various members. By November of the same year the congregation began to use the new sanctuary.

Rededication Services were held on Sunday, May 7, 1950 with Rev. R. W. K. Elliott, our former minister, now Superintendent of Home Missions for Southern Saskatchewan and Southern Alberta, Guest Speaker, assisted by Rev. E. A. King, who, in the Act of Consecration said:

*"For the increase of righteousness:
For the spread of the spirit of love:
And for the extension of the Kingdom of God;
We re-dedicate this House."*

The Postlude was "Jesus, With Thy Church Abide", and the sermon, "The Beloved Community."

In 1951 the W. A. mothered a new group of younger married women who organized as a Junior W. A. After some experience they became the W. A. and the original group, some of whom had served faithfully since the church's inception, was retired and became known as the Friendship Circle. However, being of hardy pioneer stalk they never stopped for rest, continuing to serve the Church efficiently and faithfully for many more years, and are still serving. In 1961 the Friendship Circle presented to St. Paul's a beautiful stained glass window "To the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Members of the Women's Association." For many years they had dreamed of the day when their gift of beauty would be placed in the sanctuary.

Following the remodeling of St. Paul's, when an over-all plan was formulated for the church windows, the Young Ladies' Club, which had set up a Memorial Fund as far back as 1926, unveiled a beautiful medallion stained glass window in memory of its deceased members. The gratitude of the congregation went to the Club for this silent sermon spoken in beauty.

For a number of years the congregation sponsored the serving of meals at the time of the summer fair. The W. A. Accepted a goodly share of this responsibility. In 1955, with money raised this way a large Memorial window was installed. At the service marking

the Golden Jubilee of the Province of Saskatchewan, attended by the Lieutenant-Governor's Party, the beautiful Pioneer Window was unveiled. Rev. E. A. King spoke:

"In honour of the Pioneers, who, in the midst of loneliness and hardship were kept by a deep and abiding faith in the presence and power of God and in gratitude for their witness to the Christian faith and for the enduring foundations which they laid we dedicate this window."

As well as the inspiring windows elsewhere mentioned others give visible testimony and places of honour to men and women whom St. Paul's members hold in their thoughts with gratitude for their Christian witness:

- One "In Memory of Sadie Lee, 1923",
- One "To the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Mr. & Mrs. B. F. Grunden",
- One "In Loving Memory of P.O.R.W.B. Carey, missing July 30, 1944.",
- One "To the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Freda Hanson, 1953.",
- And one "In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. August Henneberg."

A TIME OF EXPANSION

The Sector Plan came into effect in 1959 with Rev. M. Ryan ministering. It was an Intensive Face-to Face Visitation of Members and adherents in their homes for deeper commitment to Christ and His Church. This plan required many meetings and a great deal of planning, so many people were involved. The first Visitation Sunday was November 12, 1959 and was very successful with 563 calls completed, resulting in \$38,233.00 pledged contributions and 257 individuals making service commitments.

Canada had entered the fifties wearing a new look. Cities were bursting at the seams. United Church planners estimated 150 churches and 50 manses were urgently needed. St. Paul's congregation continued to grow. In 1956 Rev. Ellis King had written, "In the work of the local congregation we have felt the impact of the oil boom. We have been glad to find among these new residents a good number who have entered actively into the life of the Church", and in 1958, "A period of growth brings with it problems which must be faced. It is good to have such problems. The most urgent is our need for increased accommodation for the Church School." Then, in 1961 Rev. J. M. Ryan wrote, "A quick survey reveals that 1961 shows the highest membership ever in both the Church School and the Congregation. It reveals a preparation for growth as the Trustees purchased five lots as the site for our future Church and Education Centre. In September they purchased a lot for the construction of a manse at some future date." Sunday School facilities in the Church basement were not adequate and part of the School moved to the Legion Hall. Two services were necessary to accommodate the people.

And so it came about that in 1963 an education building costing \$154,000 was erected in the fourteenth block of third street. Space remains on the site for a new church building for which a fund is being accumulated. Also in the same year a new manse was built. A new committee was set up from the Official Church Board to look after the Manse furnishings.

On October 7, 1963 the minutes of the Official Board Meeting read, "November 3, 1963 has been set for dedication of the new Education Building, service of dedication at 3:00 P.M. with Rev. Walter Poulton of Regina as guest speaker. Following the service there will be Open House with members of the Committee on hand to show charts and budget requirements. Simple refreshments will be served by the Ladies following the inspection of the building." And so it came to pass, the sod turning ceremony having taken place on April 14th. On December 13th the final inspection of the building took place. In the Annual Report St. Paul's first Christian Education Director wrote: "One Dream Come True: As I write these words in my new office in the Christian Education Centre, my heart is filled with gratitude to Almighty God for all those who have labored and contributed to make this building possible." "Now that we have a building there is the possibility of many other dreams becoming a reality" and she wrote of her hopes for the Church School.

It was recommended in May 1959 that all women's groups be united at all levels for more adequate support of the general work of the Church. Finally in January 1962, an inaugural meeting of St. Paul's Women was held in the Church. The Friendship Circle, Young Ladies' Club, W. M. S. and W. A. united to form one group. There were 170 women on roll and the membership list was divided into nine Units. There were three afternoon units, four evening units, one unit of business women, and one morning unit. In 1962 the Paulette Unit, a group of younger women, formed. At first the union of the United Church Women was viewed with suspicion, but in 1962 the United Church Women became one of the largest organizations in Canada.

The new building program required a great deal of financial support and the Women of the Church were always ready to do their part. Hence Bazaars, serving meals, Annual Fun Pairs, Annual Fall Suppers, sale of quilts, rummage sales, and teas were the order of the day. The U.C.W. has been responsible for furnishing the kitchen of the C. E. Centre including the building of cupboards.

Sunday School Enrollment climbed in the fifties. Concern for lesson material grew. It had been criticized in that it did not reflect the work of the best Biblical scholars. Army chaplains had reported religious illiteracy. Survey Teams discovered that many loyal members know little about the church's doctrines. The first thrust of the new curriculum was directed to adults in *The Word and the Way* by Dr. Donald Mathers with about 150,000 copies being sold. New material for boys and girls was available in 1964. Success was experienced at first, then the going was rough. The lessons demanded a great deal of preparation and their approach to the scriptures was startling to many teachers. The material was unmercifully attacked by the Fundamentalists who classified the new teaching as anti-Bible and a myth. St. Paul's of course was caught up in the controversy. All concerned were true to their religious convictions and that is as it should be. It is true that in loyal and sacrificial devotion to the Church there is tension before great decisions and peace after great decisions, and this controversy, like many others subsided in time, with the congregation ever ready to take another step for its faith.

CHANGING PATTERNS

On August 2, 1967 a special meeting of the Session and Board of Stewards was held for the purpose of determining what assistance might be tendered to Reverend Ryan's family during their difficult time of illness and anxiety. Many inquiries had been made by members of St. Paul's and also members of other churches as to how they might be of help, with true concern for the family during the serious illness of their son and brother, Leslie. Once more, in 1968, we witness tragedy and Christian witness, people providing a helping hand in time of need, people, irrespective of creed calling at the home of the bereaved to share their sympathy and concern. Once more St. Paul's sorrowfully, yet prayerfully, committed a loved one into a father's gracious keeping.

In February, 1970 one Church Board was set up. This was the union of the Official Board, Board of Trustees,, the Elders, and the Board of Stewards. Under the Official Board Regulations it states, "The governing body of the local church shall be known as the Official Board responsible to the congregation. The Board, shall consist of a chairman, a first and second vice-chairman, with the following committees: Worship, Financial, Christian Education, Property, Ministry & Personnel, Congregational Life & Work, Future Planning & Review, and Music." Until this time the building, the financing, supplying the ministry, the general business of the Church. and most important church decisions, had been the responsibility and the very deep concern of a dedicated group of people in the Church serving on the Official Board, the Board of Trustees, the Elders, and the Board of Stewards to whom we owe an immense debt of gratitude. It may appear in this history that much is said about the work of the Women in the Church and little about the work of the Men. It is with a spirit of gratitude that we remember the many who have served, some from one generation to another, who have shaped the life of this Church and whom we regard as the good stewards of our faith.

It is interesting to note in a 1914 Financial Statement of Westminster Presbyterian Church that during the year the sum of \$3.30 was listed in Expenditures for Music. From its very inception St. Paul's has had an outstanding Senior Choir and to this has been added through the years a Junior Choir and a Teen Choir of equal quality. This has required faithful dedication on the part of choir leaders, organists, and choir members through the years, and St. Paul's recalls them with gratitude for their loyal Ministry of Music.

The 1914 Financial Statement also lists the cost of supplies for the Westminster Sabbath School at \$99.20 for the year. Our Sabbath School has come a long way since that time and with each year larger burdens have been placed upon the members of the Christian Education Committee and the Church School as well as Midweek group leaders. St. Paul's is most grateful to them for their unflinching and faithful service.

In October, 1971, St. Paul's welcomed a new minister, Rev. Eric Pullam, his wife, Erna, and family into its congregation. In the Annual Report the Chairman of the Official Board wrote, "The job of a minister coming into a congregation of this size is extremely difficult. From the way in which. Eric has carried on, in spite of numerous problems I know we have made an excellent choice and we can look forward to a bright future in St. Paul's under his leadership." We are now well into 1975 and the bright future has

come to pass. St. Paul's congregation hopes that the Pullam family will choose Estevan for their home for many years to come.

There was another highlight in St. Paul's history when, in October 1974 the mortgage of the C. E. Centre was burned. There was a special mortgage burning ceremony to celebrate the paying off of the bonds which had been sold in 1961 by the members and to the members to the amount of \$61,500 by way helping to finance the building of the Christian Education Centre. This service was held on October 27, 1974, with Reverend and Mrs. Mel Ryan returning to participate. It made 1974 a year to be remembered in the life of St. Paul's. While the debt is now paid, it is realized that in this growing city and congregation the future will demand more of the vision, dedication, service, and sacrifice which were the bequests of our stalwart forefathers.

St. Paul's celebrates this Golden Anniversary of Union with a spirit of humility and gratitude. With a spirit of thankfulness we remember those who served the congregation in Music and in the Word of God and those who have led in the Sunday School and Mid-week Groups. In appreciation we remember those who have served in other organizations and those who have maintained the Church buildings. We are grateful to those who have shaped the life of the Church and through the Church, the community.

"F. Irene Kelliher"

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**MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION WHO HAVE VOLUNTEERED
FOR FULL TIME SERVICE TO THE CHURCH:**

Mrs. Harrison Mullett (nee Pearl McDonald)	China - (1917 - 1951)
Reverend Jim Perry	Ordained 1950
Reverend William Hogman	Ordained 1950
Reverend Dale Cumming	Ordained 1962
Reverend Gerald Kennedy	Ordained 1968
Reverend Ronald Jevins	Ordained 1970

**WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED
THE CONGREGATION IN THE WORD OF GOD:**

Methodist:

Joseph Robinson	1892 - 1893
Rev. Andrew Galley	1893 - 1894
Samuel P. Riddell	1894 - 1895
T. E. Taylor	1895 - 1896
John Scott	1896 - 1897
Harold J. Galley	1897 - 1898
Frank Tate	1898 - 1899
Warren Rothwell	1899 - 1901
R. S. Anderson	1901 - 1902
Rev. Charles Endicott	1902 - 1906
Jesse Arnup (Assistant)	1905 - 1906
Rev. H. G. Cairns	1906 - 1909
Rev. S. L. W. Harton	1909 - 1911
Rev. J. B. Taylor	1911 - 1914
Rev. E. A. Davis	1914 - 1916
Rev. J. W. Aikins	1916 - 1920
Rev. J. C. Hartley	1920 - 1921

Presbyterian:

(The names of those who served prior to the building of the Church are not available).

Rev. Mr. Gunn	- 1903
Rev. J. Knox Clark	1903 - 1906
W. J. Sharp (Assistant)	1905
W. H. Stevenson (Assistant)	1906
Rev. B. Glover	1906 - 1914
Rev. S. O. Nixon	1914 - 1917
Rev. W. J. McIvor	1917 - 1921

Local Union:

Rev. R. D. Finlayson	1921 - 1922
Rev. L. E. Berry	1922 - 1925

United Church:

Rev. C. B. Lawson	1925 - 1930
Rev. M. C. MacDonald	1930 - 1933
Rev. P. T. Dennis	1933 - 1935
Rev. H. A. Mutchmor	1935 - 1942
Rev. R. W. K. Elliott	1942 - 1945
Rev. F. H. Morgan	1945 - 1949
Rev. E. A. King	1949 - 1959
Rev. Mel Ryan	1959 - 1971
Rev. E. Pullam	1971 -

**MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION WHO HAVE SERVED
THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH AND THROUGH THE CHURCH, THE COMMUNITY**

Secretary- Treasurer:

1914 John A. Chisolm
 1915 – 1944 L. A. Duncan
 1944 – 1949 A. E. Shannon
 1949 – 1954 T. A. Perry (Assistant)

Recording Steward:

1954 – 1974 Lulu Tedford

Managers: (Presbyterian)

1914 – 1918 August Henneberg
 1914 – 1916 B. F. Grundeen
 1914 – 1921 J. L. Munson
 1914 – 1915 J. A. Chisolm
 1914 – 1915 P. G. Johnson
 1914 – 1921 D. McGregor
 1914 – 1918 E. J. Campbell
 1914 – 1918 D. L. Irvine
 1915 – 1921 H. J. McNeil
 1915 – 1921 E. F. Pierce
 1915 – 1921 W. Nichol
 1916 – 1919 A. M. Ellis
 1919 – 1921 M. L. Clendenan

Official Board (Methodist)

1915 – 1916 G. J. Tomlinson
 1915 – 1920 T. A. Perry (Treas.)
 1915 – 1920 G. Gallaway (Sec.)
 1915 – 1916 C. J. Taylor
 1915 – 1919 F. W. Newcombe
 1915 – 1920 Judge E. R. Wylie
 1915 – 1920 T. Torgeson
 1915 – 1916 A. E. McCormick
 1916 – 1920 H. A. Nash
 1916 – 1920 E. Garner

Chairman Board of Stewards:

1921 – 1965 T. A. Torgeson
 1965 – 1969 Gerald Ross
 1957 – 1964 T. A. Perry (Vice)

Board of Stewards:

1921 – 1938 E. W. Garner
 1921 – 1938 W. R. Whitby
 1921 - 1958 T. A. Perry
 1921 - 1930 H. G. Gallaway
 1921 - 1928 W. Nichol
 1921 - 1932 W. Heckhouse
 1921 - 1937 B. F. Grundeen
 1921 - 1942 M. L. Clendenan
 1926 - 1929 J. F. Jaques
 1926 - 1945 D. L. Irvine
 1926 - 1930 Ed. Gough
 1929 - 1946 G. A. Calvert
 1930 - 1932 C. E. Jarrett
 1930 - 1941 N. L. McLeod
 1932 - 1935 E. F. Pierce
 1932 - 1958 A. E. Shannon
 1935 - 1946 A. E. McKay
 1938 - 1940 D. A. McNeil
 1938 - 1945 H. A. Westergard
 1938 - 1954 A. E. Turner
 1941 - 1942 H. Robertson
 1941 - 1957 Eric Quest
 1942 - 1947 L. L. Tennant
 1943 - 1945 H. A. Holmgren
 1945 - 1947 Harry Johnston
 1945 - 1958 Andrew King
 1942 - 1943 H. G. Gallaway
 1946 - 1958 Howard Dunbar
 1946 - 1958 I. McPhee
 1947 - 1949 Frank Mather
 1947 - 1950 George Tedford
 1947 Thos. Kjer
 1949 F. Smart
 1949 - 1952 M. S. King
 1952 A. King
 1952 Gregg Trout
 1952 - 1956 Harold Whyte
 1954 - 1958 Ralph King
 1956 - 1958 C. D. Cuming
 1956 - 1958 T. L. Peterson
 1958 - 1958 G. Fox
 1958 A. E. Muma

1958 R. H. Hunter
 1958 J. Rupert
 1958 Gerald Ross
 1969 G. Lawrence
 1969 C. Preddy
 1969 R. Reid
 1969 B. Ross
 1969 D. Bannatyne
 1969 B. Morrow
 1969 B. Hamilton
 1969 J. McDonald

Ladies Aid

1914 Mrs. A. E. McKay
 1915 - 1916 Mrs. A. M. Ellis
 1921 - 1925 Mrs. E. F. Pierce
 1932 Mrs. L. A. Duncan
 1933 Mrs. Mooney
 1935 Mrs. R. H. Trout
 1937 Mrs. I. McPhee
 1938 - 1939 Mrs. D. McNeil
 1940 - 1941 Mrs. Cole
 1942 - 1945 Mrs. G. Gallaway
 1946 - 1947 Mrs. McMillan
 1948 - 1953 Mrs. Hurlbert
 1954 Mrs. M. Campbell
 1955 - 1956 Mrs. Carey
 1957 Mrs. G. Fox
 1958 Mrs. Frank Marwood
 1959 - 1960 Mrs. D. W. Claypool
 1961 - 1963 Mrs. D. Bannatyne
 (UCW)
 1964 Miss Anne Hanson
 1965 - 1966 Mrs. Tillie Carlberg
 1967 Miss Mary Southerwood
 1968 Miss Lil Eremko
 1969 - 1971 Mrs. Edna Vanderploeg
 1972 - 1973 Mrs. Ruth Gibson
 1974 - 1975 Mrs. Thelma Muma

Women's Missionary Auxiliary

1914 Miss A. McNeil
 1921 - 1924 Mrs. D. L. Irvine
 1925 Mrs. M. L. Clendenan
 1924 - 1927 Mrs. A. Perry
 1923 Mrs. Lambe
 1928 Mrs. W. T. Moore
 1931 - 1932 Mrs. L. A. Duncan
 1933 Mrs. Orchard
 1935 Mrs. Moffat
 1936 - 1939 Mrs. Gough
 1940 Mrs. Turner
 1941 Mrs. Mutchmor
 1942 Mrs. Gough
 1943 Mrs. T. A. Perry
 1944 Mrs. Baker
 1945 Mrs. Clendenan
 1946 - 1947 Mrs. Tenant
 1948 Mrs. Etta Boakes
 1949 - 1951 Mrs. A. Perry
 1952 - 1954 Mrs. F. Abbott
 1955 Mrs. Ted Lindgren
 1956 Mrs. R. Carey
 1960 Mrs. Campbell

Junior W. A.

1955 Mrs. Ron Gallaway
 1956 Mrs. Murray Tisdale

Friendship Circle

1955 Mrs. Hurlbert
 1956 - 1971 Mrs. E. Rae
 1972 - 1975 Mrs. Clara Debiegne

Clerk of Session

1914 - 1922 W. H. Baker
 1922 - 1927 J. A. Chisolm
 1927 - 1948 August Henneberg
 1948 - 1957 Miss H. Rattray
 1957 - 1964 Mrs. D. L. Irvine
 1964 - 1968 Mrs. M. Wallin
 1968 - 1969 Marshall Young

Members of Session

1914 - 1921 Donald McGregor
 1914 - 1955 August Henneberg
 1914 - 1947 A. F. Milne
 1914 - 1917 J. T. Gallaway
 1914 - 1915 S. Cook
 1914 - 1921 G. Moncrief
 1914 - 1949 W. H. Baker
 1915 - 1916 A. E. Yuill
 1915 - 1938 J. A. Chisolm
 1915 - 1921 L. A. Duncan
 1921 - 1949 E. R. Wylie
 1921 - 1950 W. T. Moore
 1921 - 1958 Joseph Ward
 1921 - 1937 H. A. Nash
 1937 - 1940 B. F. Grundeen
 1938 - 1956 W. R. Whitby
 1941 - 1949 N. L. McLeod
 1942 - 1958 M. L. Clendenan
 1942 - 1947 H. Robertson
 1946 - 1958 F. C. Walker
 1947 - 1957 Miss H. B. Rattray
 1947 - 1957 Mrs. F. L. Gallaway
 1949 - 1958 G. Tedford
 1949 - 1954 R. King
 1950 - 1951 E. N. Conrad
 1952 - 1958 M. Holmgren
 1952 - 1958 L. Kennedy
 1952 - 1958 R. Gallaway
 1952 - 1958 F. Smart
 1955 - 1958 Mrs. D. L. Irvine
 1955 - 1958 H. Carlberg
 1955 - 1958 Lloyd Sillers

Session of St. Paul's

1959 Bannatyne, Mrs. D. A
 1965 Brewin, A.
 1958 Campbell, Mrs. P.
 1962 Coates, B.
 1955 Carlberg, H.
 1963 Conrad, P.
 1958 Cooke, C. C.
 1962 Elliott, H.
 1965 Fraser, F.
 1955 Gallaway, Ron
 1961 Grimson, J. W.

1964 Grundeen, P.
 1964 Hamilton, Bert
 1965 Harding, Wm.
 1958 Jevons, T.
 1964 Johnson, Chas.
 1951 Kennedy, L.
 1964 Nielson, G.
 1960 Noren, A.
 1965 Orsted, Wm.
 1955 Sillers, L. E.
 1952 Smart, F.
 1962 Stephenson, J.
 1949 Tedford, G.
 1946 Walker, F.
 1963 Wallin, Mr. M.
 1969 Arnold, J.
 1969 Burnard, Lawrence
 1969 Hopkins, W.
 1969 Kostiuik, Ned
 1969 MacArthur, Ian
 1969 McCallum, E.

Young Ladies Club

1923 - 1925 Rita Hunter
 1922 Miss B. Condie
 1932 Miss M. Scobie
 1933 Miss Edna Porter
 1935 - 1937 Miss Lois Calvert
 1938 Mrs. V. Hanson
 1939 Mrs. E. Quist
 1940 Miss E. Niblett
 1941 Miss H. Rattray
 1942 Miss Leila Measner
 1943 Mrs. D. Deno
 1944 Miss F. Hanson
 1945 Miss M. Eremko
 1946 Mrs. G. Newfeld
 1947 Miss L. Eremko
 1948 Mrs. E. Henderson
 1949 Miss I. Hildebrande
 1950 Miss O. Shannon
 1951 Miss H. Rattray
 1952 Mrs. O. Whitby
 1953 Mrs. M. Hawkin
 1954 - 1955 Mrs. M. Wallin
 1956 Mrs. L. Simpson

1957 Miss Lulu Tedford
1958 Mrs. P. C. Brown
1959 Mrs. W. Englof

Choir

63 Years of Service in the Choir – Mr. T. A. Perry

51 Years of Service in the Choir – Mrs. Emily Clark

50 Years of Service in the Choir – Mrs. William Clark

48 Years of Service in the Choir – Mr. Robert Carey

44 Years of Service in the Choir also as Organist and Choir Leader – Mr. William Henneberg

39 Years of Service in the Choir – Miss Margaret Clark

23 Years of Service as Organist and Choir Leader – Mrs. Lloyd Andrist (nee Shirley Sillers)

1914 - 1938 W. Henneberg

1921 - 1925 Mr. Fairbairn

1928 M. O. Goodmanson

1929 - 1931 Mr. J. Ward

1932 Mr. Carey

1937 Margaret Scobie

1938 - 1939 Mrs. Stinson

1940 - 1942 Mr. Carey

1943 Majorie Southernwood

1937 - 1943 F. W. Henneberg

1944 Mrs. D. Inglis

1945 Miss Freda Hanson

1946 - 1949 Mrs. D. Inglis

1949 Mrs. Helen King

1950 - 1951 Mr. T. A. Perry

1952 - 1954 Mrs. Helen King

1952 - 1954 Mrs. Jean Perry

1955 Mrs. Millard Helmgren

1955 - 1956 Mrs. Helen King

1956 Miss Barrie McLeod

1956 Mrs. E. A. King

1960 Mr. R. Carey

1960 Miss Lois Simpson

1962 H. L. Espert

1963 Mr. George Nielsen

1963 Mr. Frank Strange
1963 Mrs. Shirley Andrist
1967 - 1967 Mr. Frank Strange
1968 Mrs. L. Andrist
1971 - 1972 Mrs. N. Lynd
1974 Mrs. Pat Benson
1957 - 1958 Mrs. W. C. King
1959 - 1975 Mrs. L. Andrist
1961 Miss Helga Giedraitis
1971 Miss Sandra Morgan
1973 Mrs. Cheryl Imbery
1937 Mr. R. R. Potter

Organists

1904

1905

1914 - 1943

1957 - 1975

1958

1961

1963 - 1969

1969

1974

Miss MacDonald

Miss Sadie Duncan

Mr. F. W. Henneberg

Miss Shirley Sillers

Mrs. Don Perry

Helga Ciedraitis

Mrs. W. Grimson

Miss Ruth Grimson

Mrs. Phyllis Irvine

Mission Band

1915

1916

1923

1943

1942

1942

1957 - 1958

1959 - 1964

1965 - 1970

1971 - 1975

Olive Johnstone

Margaret McGregor

Mabel McQuarrie

Marion Quist

Nancy Philps

Sally Mutchmor

Mrs. E. T. Jevons

Mrs. T. A. Torgeson

Mrs. Rita Anderson

Miss Margaret McKay

Nursery Roll

1957 - 1962

1963

1964

1965 - 1966

1967

Mrs. T. A. Torgeson

Mrs. George Green

Mrs. Paul Grundeen

Mrs. R. Stendall

Mr. Jim Box

Christian Education Directors		1957	Mr. C. Cook
1959 - 1965	Mrs. Hannah		Mr. W. Abrams
1966 - 1968	Mr. E. G. W. Paw	1958	Mr. C. D. Cuming
1969 - 1971	Miss Vera Enticknap (Miller)	1959	Mr. W. Abrams
			Mr. D. P. Cookson
			Mr. W. Abrams
Caretakers		1960	C. D. Cuming
1957 - 1970	Mr. R. Carey		Mr. Gerald Ross
1971 - 1972	Mr. J. Schmidt	1961 - 1963	Mr. Harold Carlberg
1973 - 1975	Mr. J. Brandon		Mr. Ron Whiteside
			Mr. Doug Cookson
			Mr. W. Abrams
Sabbath School		1964	Mr. Harold Carlberg
1904	Mr. Hall		Mr. Ron Whiteside
1905	Mr. W. Sharp		Mr. Doug Cookson
1914 - 1927	Mr. August Henneberg		Mr. I. Endicott
1928	Mr, Baker	1965	Mr. Harold Carlberg
1929 - 1934	Mr. W. T. Moore		Mr. Ron Whiteside
1935 - 1938	Mr. J. A. Chisolm		Mrs. Barbara Dornian
1939	Mr. Frank Martens	1971	Mrs. Joan Ronagen
1940	Mr. S. H. McLeod		Mrs. Erna Pullam
1941 - 1943	Mr. Frank Martens	1972	Mrs. R. Gallaway
1944 - 1946	Mr. Reynolds		
1946 - 1948	Mr. J. Ward		
1950	Mr. Gow Harvey		
1951	Judge Clink		

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