

# GOLDEN JUBILEE OF CHURCH HERE

## St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Congregation To Observe 50th Anniversary of Organization of Parish

Tomorrow St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, on Hudson street, will celebrate its golden jubilee on the 50th anniversary of its organization.

In May, 1869, the Rev. Helmut Sommer, pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Hastings on Hudson, made missionary calls in Yorkers and succeeded in gathering a number of men and women of the Lutheran profession. After conducting missionary services for several months, the Hastings church provided the organist and the hymn books, Rev. Sommer effected an organization on September 4, 1869. The charter members were: Maximilian Reinfelder, M.D., William E. Boutler, Peter Hagen, C. Weltzien, C. Dieter, and Carl Kraeger. The members, being of German birth and having had their religious instruction in the German language, naturally formed a German Lutheran congregation, with preaching and singing in their native tongue, and called their church the German Evangelical Lutheran St. Johannes Church in Yorkers, N. Y. A German Sunday School was also organized. Mr. William E. Reuthe served as its superintendent for over forty years, from January 3, 1873 to the day of his death on October 23, 1913. During the pastorate of the Rev. Leo Koenig, the present church edifice on Hudson street was erected and dedicated in 1874.

During the past fifty years the following pastors served St. John's Lutheran Church as ministers:

Rev. Helmut, 1869-1872; Rev. Leo Koenig, 1872-1877; Rev. Armandus Volquarts, 1877-1878; Rev. F. W. Fochlinger, 1878-1893; Rev. M. T. Hollis, 1893-1894; Rev. A. H. Holthusen, 1893-1899.

The present pastor, the Rev. Alexander F. von Schlichten, is connected with the church since April 9, 1899. During the twenty and a half years of his pastorate the congregation has opened several missions and has undergone a partial change as to language. An English Sunday School was placed at the side of the German Sunday School as a separate body, and besides the customary German services English services are conducted every Sunday morning and an English Bible class was formed to satisfy the spiritual wants and needs of the parishioners. Whilst in former years nearly all of the members were of German birth, the majority of the members today are American born. At the present time the church numbers about 400 baptized members. In 1900 the congregation bought the property on the east side of the church and later on erected a spacious Parish House on the site, and in 1919 the property on the west side of the church was acquired.

There will be three festival services in connection with the golden jubilee. In the morning service tomorrow at 10:30, the Rev. Otto Sicker of Bronxville, N. Y., will preach in the German language. The evening service at 8 o'clock will be conducted in English. Professor L. Heinrichmeyer of Concordia College at Bronxville will deliver the sermon. This service is intended especially for the young people of the church. On Monday evening at 8 o'clock the Rev. M. T. Hollis, one of the former pastors of the church, will deliver a German sermon. This service is arranged in honor of the women of the church, who have done so much in building up of their congregation.

On Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock the festivities will be brought to an end by an entertainment in the Parish House given by the young people of the church in connection with the Sunday School.

The arrangements for the 50th anniversary are in the hands of a special committee consisting of the following active members: Adolph Simon, chairman, Geo. M. Helm, Geo. Slob, Adolph Grieben, Mrs. Theo. Tapken, Mrs. A. von Schlichten, Mrs. E. Krumlauf, Mrs. F. A. Garajost, Miss Katherine Krumlauf, Mrs. W. Schlobahn, Mrs. Geo. Slob, Mrs. H. Schmircke, Mrs. Jeannette Henschels, Mrs. E. Petersen, Mrs. Geo. Helm, Mrs. Geo. H. Phillips. One of the objects of this committee is to raise a \$1,000.00 jubilee collection among the members of the church. The returns seem to indicate that the object in view will be attained. Special music will be rendered by the organist and the church choir.

## Presbyterians To-morrow

New York, Nov. 1.—A special day for appeal of the entire church to its affiliations, approximately 600 people, to combat the industrial crisis in every pulpit and every Presbyterian home. An appeal will be read tomorrow in the nearly 1,000 churches in the city and their adherents to intercession for government and to aid in every one of the Presbyterian home the in family prayer for the nation of the trouble. The proclamation to all the churches apart was unanimous. Presbyterian General Assembly on the session at Presbytery 158 Fifth avenue, is as follows:

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The plans which have been proposed and applied to the present unrest in the industrial world. The church must accept leadership of the people at the threshold of the intensive life of the Christ to the end of the Presbyterian. Five million adherents who share the cross by united prayer and energies which shall be a special hour to save the nation and the life.

The Presbyterian followers of Christ, in the face of the obstacles and of worship as well as on November 1st because of mankind of the Heavenly for the President and for full aid for employers and may be lifted out of selfish enterprise and gatherings that they may be done higher than overrule the self-interest and pur would destroy the nations of our best to fruition the one who sincerely