

On May 7, 1939, Rev. L.S. Winter was called. He left Estevan in May 1945, and Rev. Durdal became the new pastor on July 1, 1945, and in 1947, he accepted a call to Flaxton, North Dakota.

On June 20, 1948, a call was extended to Rev. J. C. Werschler. Plans were made to extend the church and in the fall of 1951, construction began. On January 8, 1954, congregations in Estevan, Midale, and Outram formed into the Parish. Rev. J.C. Werschler left Estevan on October 10, 1954.

On April 17, 1955, Rev. L. A. Koehler was installed as the new pastor. By 1956, all debts were paid off. The congregation numbered 340 souls. There was talk about building a new church but plans never materialized. Due to illness Pastor L. A. Koehler was forced to give up his pastorate in June of 1959.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS DURING THIS PERIOD:

- 1930: On July 4, Arved Peterson and Clara Hilland were united in marriage, the first marriage on record in St. Peter's.
- 1930: Sunday School reorganized along with a Bible Class.
- 1932: The Mission Circle began.
- 1933. German services were discontinued.
- 1941: New altar and pulpit built by Rev. L.S. Winter
- 1941 A house was purchased for the pastor.
- 1954: The Congregation became self-supporting.

1960 - PRESENT

Rev. R. K. Holm was ordained and installed August 6, 1960. In February 1961, a Building Committee was set up to study the possibility of building a new church. In 1963, land was purchased. Construction of the new building began in June and on November 22, 1964, the new church was dedicated. At that time the manse was sold, and the old church building was sold to the Alliance Church. Later the Ukrainian Catholic Church moved into the building and are presently located there. A new manse was built directly behind the church and completed in 1965.

On April 9, 1978, a mortgage burning ceremony took place. Rev. R. K. Holm left Estevan in May of 1978, for Regina, Saskatchewan. He was elected president of the Man.-Sask. District.

In June of 1978, Vicar R. Wagner arrived in Estevan. He left in May of 1979, to continue his studies. In December 1978 Rev. Zwingle had arrived to serve as the new pastor. He left Estevan in October of the following year. Pastor Beiderwieden again served as vacancy pastor.

On July 6, 1980 Rev. R. Meyr was installed as pastor. Vicar B. Burt arrived in 1985. Rev. R. Meyr left in May of 1986, to serve a new Mission Ministry in New Jersey. Vicar B. Burt continued to serve here until he left later in the summer.

Rev. R. Mohr arrived and was installed as the new pastor in the summer of 1986. During his ministry here, he introduced the Stephen Ministry Series. Rev. R. Mohr left in May of 1989 for a Hospital Chaplaincy in Chicago.

From May 1989 - July 1990, there was no pastor. Worship services continued every Sunday with vacancy Pastor A. Harlos from Wolseley and Pastor R. Simpson from Grenfell conducting evening services twice a month. Morning services were led by laymen from the congregation. Pastor K. Reisdorf of Frobisher taught the confirmation classes and also confirmed the second year class.

In the spring of 1990 the congregation voted to apply for a candidate from the Seminary. On July 8 of that year. Pastor Gary Kuenzel was installed as the new shepherd of St. Peter's, Estevan and St. Luke's Midale.

In 1991 application was made for DCE intern to work primarily in the area of youth work, Christian Education and in music. Jo Ann Benson arrived August 1, 1991 for a one year internship. She left to complete her studies at Concordia College in St. Paul, Minnesota in July of 1992.

A call was then extended to Ralph Arndt serving at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Regina to come to St. Peter's as Director of Christian Outreach. The call was accepted and in August of 1992, Ralph and his wife and family arrived in Estevan and Ralph took over his duties.

At the present time the congregation remains joined to the St. Luke's Midale congregation, forming a dual parish with the pastor serving both congregations. Only God really knows what the future holds in store for St. Peter's Lutheran Church of Estevan. This congregation has been blessed by God these 75 years. Today our membership totals 426 baptized members and 280 communicant members. Just as our Lord has been our help in times past, so He will lead and guide us in the future bringing us new opportunities to serve Him.

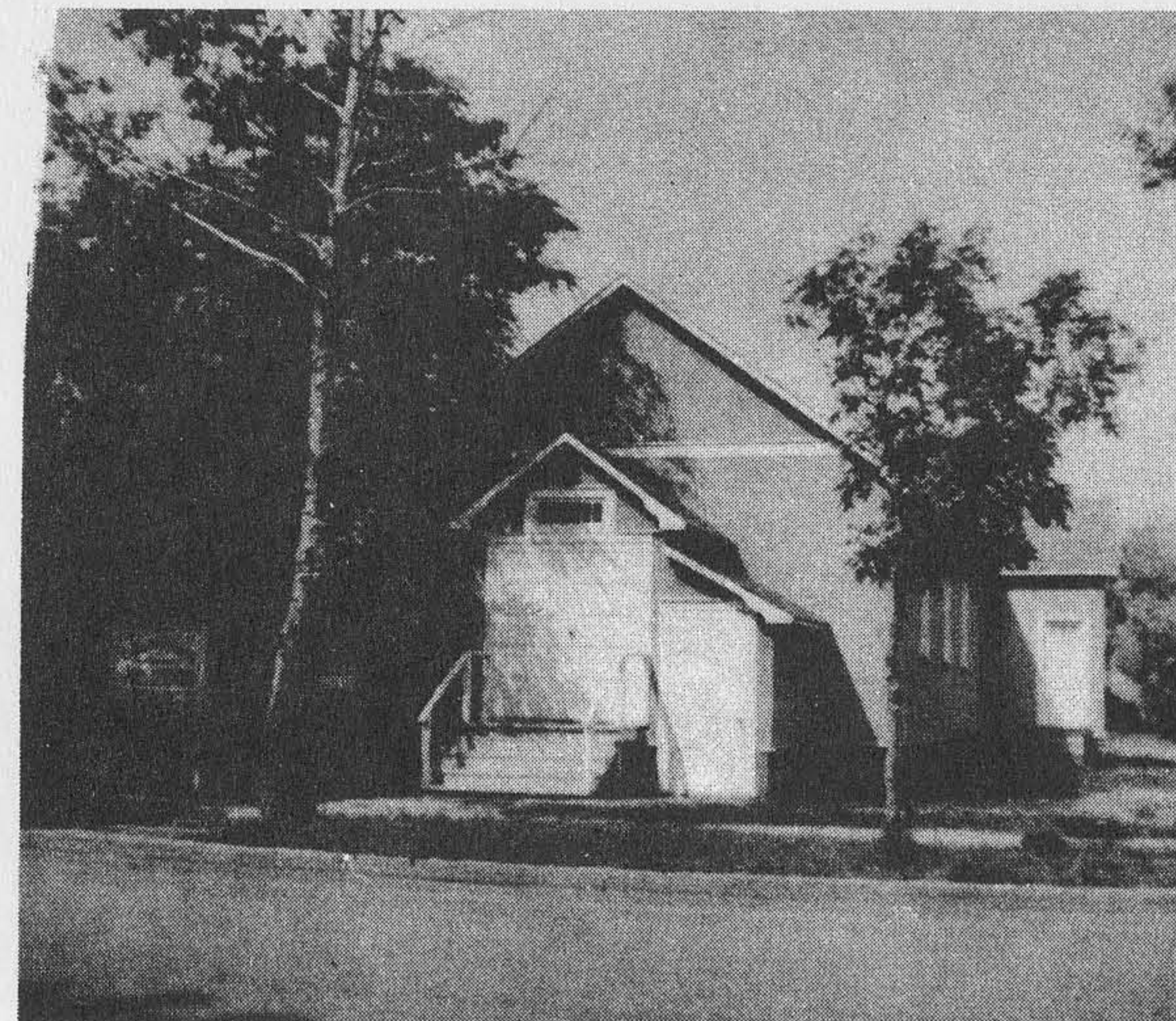
We read in God's Word — "Future generations will serve him; men will speak of the Lord to the coming generation.

People not yet born will be told:
"The Lord saved his people".

Psalm: 22: 30 - 31

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS DURING THIS PERIOD:

- 1987: Rev. Mohr introduced Stephen Ministry Series
- 1991: The enlargement of the narthex and the reconstruction of the stairway in the church.
- 1992: Shelley Shiach moved from part time secretary to full time Parish Administrator.



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