

**Site Inventory Form**  
**State Historical Society of Iowa**  
 (November 2005)

**State Inventory No. 09-00660**  New  Supplemental  
 Part of a district with known boundaries (enter inventory no.) 09-00621  
 Relationship:  Contributing  Noncontributing  
 Contributes to a potential district with yet unknown boundaries  
 National Register Status:(any that apply)  Listed  De-listed  NHL  DOE  
 9-Digit SHPO Review & Compliance (R&C) Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Non-Extant (enter year) \_\_\_\_\_

**1. Name of Property**

historic name St. Paul's Lutheran Church and Parish House-School

other names/site number \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Location**

street & number 112 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave NW

city or town Waverly  vicinity, county Bremer

Legal Description: (If Rural) Township Name \_\_\_\_\_ Township No. \_\_\_\_\_ Range No. \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_ Quarter of Quarter \_\_\_\_\_

(If Urban) Subdivision Harmon & LeValley Addition Block(s) 58 Lot(s) S 1/2 Lots 1 & 2

**3. State/Federal Agency Certification [Skip this Section]**

**4. National Park Service Certification [Skip this Section]**

**5. Classification**

**Category of Property** (Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

**Number of Resources within Property**

<i>If Non-Eligible Property</i>		<i>If Eligible Property, enter number of:</i>	
Enter number of:		Contributing	Noncontributing
—	buildings	<u>2</u>	—
—	sites	—	—
—	structures	—	—
—	objects	—	—
—	Total	<u>2</u>	—

**Name of related project report or multiple property study** (Enter "N/A" if the property is not part of a multiple property examination).

Title Waverly's NW & SE Neighborhoods Historical & Architectural Survey Historical Architectural Data Base Number 09-028

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions** (Enter categories from instructions)

**Current Functions** (Enter categories from instructions)

06A01 Church

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06C01 Religious School

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**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification** (Enter categories from instructions)

**Materials** (Enter categories from instructions)

05A Gothic Revival

foundation 04 Stone

08A Moderne

walls (visible material) 03 Brick

roof 08A Asphalt/Shingle

other \_\_\_\_\_

**Narrative Description** ( SEE CONTINUATION SHEETS, WHICH MUST BE COMPLETED)

**8. Statement of Significance**

**Applicable National Register Criteria** (Mark "x" representing your opinion of eligibility after applying relevant National Register criteria)

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|--|---|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> More Research Recommended | A | Property is associated with significant events.                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> More Research Recommended | B | Property is associated with the lives of significant persons.      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> More Research Recommended | C | Property has distinctive architectural characteristics.            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> More Research Recommended | D | Property yields significant information in archaeology or history. |

County Bremer  
City Waverly

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District Number 09-00621

**Criteria Considerations**

- A Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B Removed from its original location.
- C A birthplace or grave.
- D A cemetery.
- E A reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F A commemorative property.
- G Less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

**Areas of Significance** (Enter categories from instructions)

02 ARCHITECTURE

14C02 ETHNIC HERITAGE/German

**Significant Dates**

Construction date  
1908  check if circa or estimated date  
Other dates, including renovation  
1940 - School

**Significant Person**

(Complete if National Register Criterion B is marked above)

\_\_\_\_\_

**Architect/Builder**

Architect  
Buechner & Orth (St.Paul, MN) - church  
Builder  
Anton Zwack (Dubuque)-church; Drape Const.(Waverly)-school

**Narrative Statement of Significance**  SEE CONTINUATION SHEETS, WHICH MUST BE COMPLETED

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

Bibliography  See continuation sheet for citations of the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form

**10. Geographic Data**

**UTM References (OPTIONAL)**

Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
1	_____	_____	2	_____	_____
3	_____	_____	4	_____	_____

See continuation sheet for additional UTM references or comments

**11. Form Prepared By**

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**ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION (Submit the following items with the completed form)**

**FOR ALL PROPERTIES**

- Map:** showing the property's location in a town/city or township.
- Site plan:** showing position of buildings and structures on the site in relation to public road(s).
- Photographs:** representative black and white photos. If the photos are taken as part of a survey for which the Society is to be curator of the negatives or color slides, a photo/catalog sheet needs to be included with the negatives/slides and the following needs to be provided below on this particular inventory site:

Roll/slide sheet # _____	Frame/slot # _____	Date Taken _____
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- See continuation sheet or attached *photo & slide catalog sheet* for list of photo roll or slide entries.
- Photos/illustrations without negatives are also in this site inventory file.

**FOR CERTAIN KINDS OF PROPERTIES, INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING AS WELL**

- Farmstead & District:** (List of structures and buildings, known or estimated year built, and contributing or noncontributing status)
- Barn:**
  - A sketch of the frame/truss configuration in the form of drawing a typical middle bent of the barn.
  - A photograph of the loft showing the frame configuration along one side.
  - A sketch floor plan of the interior space arrangements along with the barn's exterior dimensions in feet.

**State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) Use Only Below This Line**

Concur with above survey opinion on National Register eligibility:  Yes  No  More Research Recommended  
 This is a locally designated property or part of a locally designated district.

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Evaluated by (name/title): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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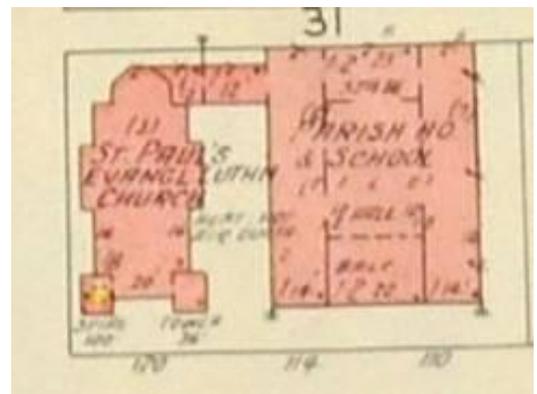
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## 7. Description

This church and parish house-school are estimated to have been built as two separate but adjoining buildings in 1908 and 1940 according to Bremer County Assessor records. These construction dates are confirmed and well-documented in various publications of St. Paul's Lutheran Church and newspaper accounts.

**Church:** The first of the two buildings erected on this site is a brick and stone church designed by St. Paul architects, Buechner and Orth and completed in March 1908 for a cost of \$30,000. It is an example of a Late Gothic Revival Style building based on a Twin Tower church form. It occupies a large corner parcel with the building's front façade facing south. In this case the building's substantial size includes a tall stone block foundation for part of the basement level and reddish-brown pressed brick walls on the upper floors. A tall 2-story intersecting-gable roofed main block has parapets on the gabled ends with brick corbelling in the shape of small pointed arches. The main south gabled end is flanked by a 3-story bell tower with an 8-sided steeple at the southwest corner and a 2-story tower with a shorter 8-sided steeple is at the southeast corner. Each steeple roof is clad in metal (likely copper) with small corner side towers at each of the four corners all capped in cross-shaped finials. A large cross and circle tops the 3-story tower's steeple. The bell in the tower weighed about one ton and was acquired for a cost of \$500.



Fenestration for the church incorporates single pointed arched openings for the entrances, single and paired pointed arched openings for upper level windows and lantern openings of the steeple tower, the paired pointed arched stained glass windows in the nave, and small single and paired pointed arched windows in gable peaks of the main church and transepts as well as corner tower dormers. In addition, the fenestration incorporates many rectangular and square stained glass windows, one group placed high on the wall of the narthex beneath a wide continuous stone lintel while other singular rectangular stained glass windows are set beneath flattened segmental brick arches in the second level of the towers. Stained glass designs are all biblical scenes. Paired entrance doors in each of the south facing tower walls originally had horizontal panels in the lower half and clear tall vertical lights in the upper half.

The outside dimensions for the building identified at the time the church was built were 108 by 56 feet with a steep height of 106 feet. The original plan seated about 600 people on the main floor and an additional 100 in the organ loft or gallery. The interior wall finish was white walls, partly due to challenges in raising the money for the completion of the church. Major changes to the building included the addition of a connecting walkway to the Parish House-School in 1940 at the side of the sanctuary and a second connecting wing between the two buildings sometime after 1972 and before 2000. When the latter addition was made, the old south entrance in the southeast tower was abandoned as an entrance. The stained glass windows facing east were moved to the former entrance opening. A series of three pairs of plate glass and metal entrance doors were placed in the new connecting wing's south wall, each topped by a window with a pointed arch shape filled by a single plate glass light. The matching reddish brown brick wall surrounding the doors and windows has a diagonal slope downward from the church tower to the adjoining west wall of the Parrish Hall-School.

**School:** The second of the two buildings erected on this site is a brick and clay tile block 1 and 2-story Parish House-School located east of the Church about 25 feet. The rectangular planned school has three sections – a

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2-story center section measuring 42 by 112 feet flanked on the east and west by outer section measuring a 23 by 112 feet. Overall measurements for the school building are 86 by 112 feet.

The 2-story center section is faced in mottled cream and tan colored brick on the walls with a poured concrete foundation. The center entrance bay has vertical projecting and recessed brick pilasters extending along either side of the entrance doors. A limestone panel above the entrance door transom has a simple cross in shallow relief. Similar limestone is used for window sills, lintels, pilaster caps, and parapet. The original windows (multi-light 4/4 or 8/8) have been replaced with paired single light casement sash with wood infill surrounds at an unknown date. The original copper and opalescent glass light sconces remain flanking the entrance doors.

The three side walls of the 1-story outer sections are faced with 8 by 12 inch clay tile block and the foundation is poured concrete to match the center section. The parapet consists of a soldier course of cream and tan colored brick topped by a concrete coping course. The east façade of the east 1-story outer section has an entrance bay similar in design to that found on the south façade of the center section, also rendered in cream colored brick with fluted pilasters. The original windows (multi-light 4/8/8 or 8/8) for the two outer sections were replaced at an unknown date with single light casement sashes with wood infill surrounds in singles or groups of four. Windows sills are cast concrete or limestone.

## 8. Significance

The St. Paul's Lutheran Church and Parish House-School at 112 2nd Ave NW was originally built as two separate buildings in 1908 and 1940. When constructed in 1908, the German-speaking congregation was the largest church in Waverly and strongly associated with both Wartburg College and the large German-American ethnic community in Waverly and Bremer County. The building is also a well-preserved Gothic Revival Style Twin Tower church form commissioned from the prolific Minneapolis design firm of Buechner and Orth. It was one of the earliest religious buildings designed by the firm and one of 22 churches designed during the firm's 22 year practice. At least 12 other buildings throughout the Midwest designed by the firm are currently listed on the National Register. The St. Paul's Parish House-School was constructed to serve the growing size of the Church's parochial school and as an adjunct for church social activities. Together St. Paul's Lutheran Church and Parish House-School qualify for the National Register of Historic Places as a contributing resource to the historic district under Criteria A and C.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church was organized in 1872 with members meeting in private homes and rented facilities. St. Paul's purchased the former Universalist Church building in 1886 to serve as its first sanctuary. This building stood just north of the present church facing 2<sup>nd</sup> Street NW. The building was later doubled in size as the congregation membership grew. In response to further growth, in 1905 a committee was appointed to identify a site for a new church and the following year the corner parcel south of the then current church was acquired and the residence on it removed. A building committee was formed and architects Buechner and Orth of Minneapolis were commissioned to design the new edifice. Charles W. Buechner (1859-1924) was German trained and the senior member of the firm and Henry Orth (1866-1946) was Norwegian born and received his training in the U.S. Construction began in April 1907, the cornerstone was laid in July 1907, and the new building was completed and dedicated just eight months later in March of 1908. Three services held that debt hosted 1,000 participants in each one with the largest attendance evening service being the first English language service preached in St. Paul's history. The church was built under the term of Rev. John Weyrauch who retired several months later due to poor health. Total cost for the building in 1908 was \$32,548.32 with nearly half funded by ongoing loans.

In the wake of the church building, St. Paul's was hampered by the burden of retiring the debt and keeping up with operating expenses. Transition from the German language to English took place beginning in 1909 and

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continued during the years leading up to World War I with state law requiring the conversion on the eve of the war, a law that was declared unconstitutional after the war concluded. By 1922 upon St. Paul's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the congregation had 1,283 baptized members and 243 voting members making it the largest church in the Iowa Synod. The proposal for establishment of an annual budget with member pledges and weekly contributions first made in ca. 1910 finally proved successful with the retirement of debt and an increase in contributions sufficient to cover most operating expenses.

St. Paul's School was organized at the same time the church was formed in 1872 with the German language employed for instruction, a common practice among churches with large immigrant membership such as St. Paul's German-speaking congregants. Four years after the former Universalist Church was acquired by the congregation for worship services in 1886, land was acquired along the south side of the 100 block of 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave NW for erection of a school house. The frame school house (nonextant) offered classes in their parochial school for first through eighth grades. The introduction of English for classes paralleled English-speaking church services during the 1910s. Growth in student population led to the construction of a new school as part of a combination Parish House-School in 1940. The new building was built to accommodate a rapidly growing Sunday school classes, parochial school classes, and church group events and activities. It was formally dedicated in February 1941, ten months before Pearl Harbor triggered the beginning of World War II. In 1952, as Waverly experienced a post-war boom in school age students, a kindergarten was added to the existing eight grades. Debate was carried out for the next decade for how to deal with the surge in student enrollment and congregation membership. Finally in 1964, a new building was erected on the south side of 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue NW for additional classroom space. A plan to also erect a new church on the block south of 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave NW was set aside with the original 1908 building retained. In the fall of 1968, a preschool program was added and the following year, the congregation discontinued seventh and eighth grades.

In 2013, St. Paul's Lutheran Church is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA). In the 2010–2011 school year 139 students were enrolled in K-6 and 87 students in preschool. St. Paul's Lutheran School is the only ELCA school in Iowa in 2013.

The best single source written for the history of St. Paul's Lutheran Church and Parish House-School is Gerhard Ottersberg's centennial history - *The Story of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Waverly Iowa, Its First One Hundred Years* published by St. Paul's Lutheran Church in 1972.

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**Biographical Information re: Buechner and Orth, architects** from the National Park Service website (available online at <http://www.hscl.cr.nps.gov/insidenps/report.asp?STATE=&PARK=&STRUCTURE=&SORT=&RECORDNO=984>; accessed 7/19/2013).

“Buechner and Orth, an architectural firm from St. Paul, Minnesota... The partnership of Charles W. Buechner (1859-1924) and Henry Orth (1866-1946) constituted one of the most successful architectural practices in Minneapolis-St. Paul during the early twentieth century. Between 1902 and 1924 Buechner and Orth designed courthouses, schools, and other public buildings throughout the Midwest. At least two dozen buildings designed by Buechner and Orth are currently listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Most Buechner and Orth structures on the NRHP are public buildings...

Born in Germany, Charles Buechner came to the United States as a fifteen-year-old. After working for the Northern Pacific Railroad, Buechner apprenticed to study architecture in the office of Clarence H. Johnston from 1883 to 1892. He then entered into a partnership with John H. Jacobsen. The partnership ended when Jacobsen died in 1902.

Henry Orth was an immigrant born in Norway. After immigrating, Orth practiced architecture in Austin, Minnesota. In 1902 he moved to St. Paul and became Buechner's new partner. The firm's commissions included the Schubert Theater in St. Paul (now known as the Fitzgerald and home to the radio program "A Prairie Home Companion"), 15 courthouses in North Dakota, the St. Paul Masonic Temple, and the Shriners Childrens Burn Hospital in Minneapolis. Although Buechner and Orth developed a reputation for designing public buildings, they also designed over 100 residences in the Twin Cities area.”

**Biographical & Historical Note re: Buechner & Orth, architects** from the Northwest Architectural Archives, Manuscripts Division, Elmer L. Andersen Library, University of Minnesota website (available online at: <http://special.lib.umn.edu/findaid/xml/naa058.xml>, accessed 7/19/2013).

“The firm of Buechner & Orth was formed in 1902 by the partnership of Charles Buechner and Henry Orth. Buechner was born in Darmstadt, Germany, on April 27, 1859. He was educated in Switzerland, France, and Germany, ending his training at Solothurn, Switzerland. He came to St. Paul in 1874 and became a surveyor with the St. Paul, Minneapolis, & Manitoba Railway and later with the Northern Pacific Railroad Company. In the latter he was employed in the Tracks, Bridges, and Buildings Department until 1883. He worked and studied architecture in the office of Clarence H. Johnston, a prominent St. Paul architect, until 1892, when he entered into a partnership with John H. Jacobsen, which was terminated with the latter's death in 1902. Buechner then became a partner of Henry Orth until his own death in St. Paul in 1924.

Henry Orth was born in Norway on April 14, 1866. He came to the U.S. at an unknown date and was educated in a business college (location unknown). He became a partner of Frank W. Kinney in Austin, Minnesota in 1895, and in 1902 joined Charles Buechner in partnership in St. Paul. The firm specialized in designing courthouses and theaters throughout the Midwest and was one of the most successful architectural practices of its day in the area. Orth died in St. Paul on March 5, 1946.”

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**History of St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School** (from St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School website, available at: <http://stpaulswaverly.org/news/about/history/>; accessed 7/19/2013).

"St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School have been an integral part of the Waverly community and surrounding area since 1872. Immigrants from Germany organized St. Paul's congregation on May 9, 1872. At first, the eight founding families gathered for worship in rented facilities. Many of St. Paul's early pastors also served as professors at Wartburg College.

St. Paul's purchased an old church building [Unitarian Church building] in 1886 to serve as its first sanctuary. This building was located just north of the present church building. The cornerstone for the present building was laid in July 1907, and dedicated in March of 1908. The marble baptismal font was purchased by the youth of the congregation in 1914. Matching hymnal charts came from the old church. The first English-language worship service was in 1908.

The Parish House was built in 1940 and dedicated in February 1941, just ten months before World War II began. It was built to accommodate a rapidly growing Sunday School, school and various group events and activities.

The strong belief in education was evident from the beginning. At its organization in 1872, the congregation also organized its school, a fairly common practice among immigrants. In 1890, the congregation bought land across the street to the south of the sanctuary to build a schoolhouse. In the beginning, the school offered first through eighth grades, with the older grades mandatory for confirmation. In 1952, a kindergarten was added. The current school building was constructed and dedicated in 1964. In the fall of 1968, a preschool program was added and currently serves three, four and five year olds waiting to go to kindergarten. In 1969 the congregation discontinued seventh and eighth grades. In the fall of 2006, kindergarten through sixth grade enrollment is 147 students with an additional 72 attending the preschool...

In 1959, the congregation realized it could reach out to others through a radio ministry. Today, St. Paul's weekly worship services can be heard every Sunday morning over Waverly's local station, KWAY 99.3 FM at 9:00am.

In 1966, Fred Downing, a member of St. Paul's and a newly ordained minister, with the help of this congregation, established an inner-city church, Holy Family Lutheran Church in Cabrini Green, Chicago. He soon began bringing inner-city children to visit his hometown and church each summer. These visits have continued for over forty years and have enabled many lasting friendships and opportunities to develop. Pastor Chuck Infelt, also a Waverly native and former St. Paul's member, now leads Holy Family's expanding school and church ministry.

During the last 25 years, more than 30 members have taken ordination or commissioning vows as clergy, Christian educators, missionaries and chaplains. Many more ordinations and commissions took place during the congregation's first one hundred years. Through associate members and missionaries, Pastor Herb and Kirsten Hafermann, St. Paul's members are discovering new and exciting partnership with Christians in Tanzania. St. Paul's treasures its partnership with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Northeastern Iowa Synod. Members of the church serve on national councils, boards, and committees."

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**Newspaper Article:** Church dedication (from "New Church Dedicated," *Waverly Democrat*, March 5, 1908, p. 1)

*Top half of two column article*

*Lower half of two column article*

**NEW CHURCH DEDICATED.**

**Impressive Ceremonies Attend the Occupancy of the New Lutheran Church.**

Last Sunday was an occasion of interest and rejoicing, of pride and touching sentiment, to the members of St. Paul's Lutheran congregation of this city, since it marked an epoch in the progress of their organization that took them from their old though beloved church home to the beautiful new edifice where they will worship in the future.

Early in the morning, as the bell from the tower of the new edifice pealed forth its musical tones for the first time, people were streaming into the city from all directions, and when the time for the farewell service in the old church arrived, not only was the room filled to completion, but hundreds awaited on the outside who were unable to gain entrance.

The farewell service was conducted by the pastor, the Rev. John Weyrauch, who spoke briefly but eloquently of the sentiment with which the old edifice was enshrined, and touched the hearts of all his hearers. At the conclusion of the ceremony a procession was formed and moved to the entrance of the new building. Leading it were the pastor, bearing a crucifix, and the other pastors having part in the function, carrying the altar paraphernalia and communion service. Then came in order the church and school officers, the building committee

peculiar manner and give the impression of stability, grace and completeness. The dimensions are 108x56 feet and the steeple rises to a height of 108 feet. The interior is not less beautiful, and the furnishings all in harmony. The walls of pure white enhance the vividness of the art windows representing biblical scenes, which are finely wrought both as to design and coloring. The main floor will seat without crowding about 600 people and the gallery or organ loft in the rear will accommodate about a hundred more. The heating and ventilation plant is a fine one and does its work well. A blower operated by a large electric motor gives a constant circulation of air at any desirable temperature, and regardless of how long a congregation may be kept in the room the air will remain pure and wholesome. An electric blower also operates the pipe organ. Ten large chandeliers, each with a cluster of a dozen or more lights, swing from the ceiling, and with the lights on the side walls, give a most brilliant illumination. The altar, which was a gift from the confirmation classes of the church, is a most attractive one, and bears a life-size statue of the Savior, beneath which is a scene describing the Lord's Supper in bas-relief.

The beautiful art windows were also largely gifts from members, being given as memorials to departed dear ones.

The scenes described and the donors are given below:

and the congregation. On the steps the formal dedicatory service occurred, conducted by Rev. Weyrauch, which ended in the delivery of the key to his hands by the builder and his opening of the massive door. Thereafter the gathered multitude swarmed into the building through the several entrances, and in a few minutes it held many beyond its ordinary seating capacity.

A song service led by the deep-toned pipe organ preceded the dedicatory sermon. It included singing by the congregation and a rousing anthem by the Maennerchor.

Rev. F. Zimmermann preached the dedicatory sermon, which was a happy effort. Rev. Zimmermann was the congregation's first regular pastor, serving it for sixteen years, during which time he saw it grow from a mere handful of communicants to almost its present number, and when he was selected for the office of preaching the dedicatory sermon it was known that he would rise to the requirements of the occasion, as he did most grandly. The morning program was concluded with a fine selection by the mixed choir of fifty voices under the direction of Prof. Liefeldt, with orchestral accompaniment.

In the afternoon there was another service with Rev. F. Lutz, of Earlville, and Dr. F. Richter, of Clinton, as the speakers, both of the gentlemen preaching fine sermons.

The evening service was probably the most largely attended, the fact that the services were in the English language attracting numerous churchgoers from the other churches. It is estimated that nearly a thousand people were present, and those who went with the expectation of hearing a fine sermon were not disappointed. The speaker was the Rev. Otto Wilde, of Madison, Wis., and he preached a sermon of exceptional eloquence and power.

The new Lutheran church edifice is one of exceptional beauty and elaborateness. Its cost independent of the lot on which it stands, was about \$30,000. Built of brown pressed brick in Gothic style of architecture, its color and lines appeal to the eye in a

Christ and Peter on the Sea—Rev. J. Weyrauch.  
 The Good Shepherd—Mrs. H. Brandenburg.  
 Easter Lilies—Ewald Miller.  
 Passion Flowers—George Protengeier.  
 Christ Knocking at the Door—Mrs. Wm. Hauth.  
 Christ, Mary and Martha at Bethany—Ladies' Society.  
 Christ and the Samaritan Woman at Jacob's Well—J. Wendt and family.  
 Luther Medallion—John G. Schauer.  
 Christ and the Two Disciples on the Way to Emmaus—donated by the old people of the church.  
 Christ in Gethsemane—Mrs. Marie Winkelman.  
 The huge bell in the tower, weighing about a ton and costing \$500, was a gift from the Young People's Society.

The St. Paul's Lutheran church society is the largest of any in the city, and the new church home is but an evidence of its wonderful prosperity.

The church was organized in 1872 but it was not until 1886 that it had a home of its own. It then bought the building of the Universalists, and some years later added to it to about double its capacity. The society continued to grow, and during the past few years its members have often felt the need of larger quarters. It numbers 180 voting members and about 700 communicants.

The new church project was voted early last spring and its erection has been under the direction of the following building committee: G. A. Grossmann, F. P. Hagemann, Prof. Aug. Engelbrecht, Rev. Ide, John Schoof, Aug. Friedemann, and H. C. Clausen. The plans were furnished by Buchner & Orth, of St. Paul, and the contract executed by Anton Zwack, of Dubuque. That all connected with the project have done their work faithfully and well is evidenced by the completeness and stability of the building and the uniform satisfaction it gives to all interested in it.

Fred Knott has several tons of good baled hay for sale. Telephone him at his farm. 46tf

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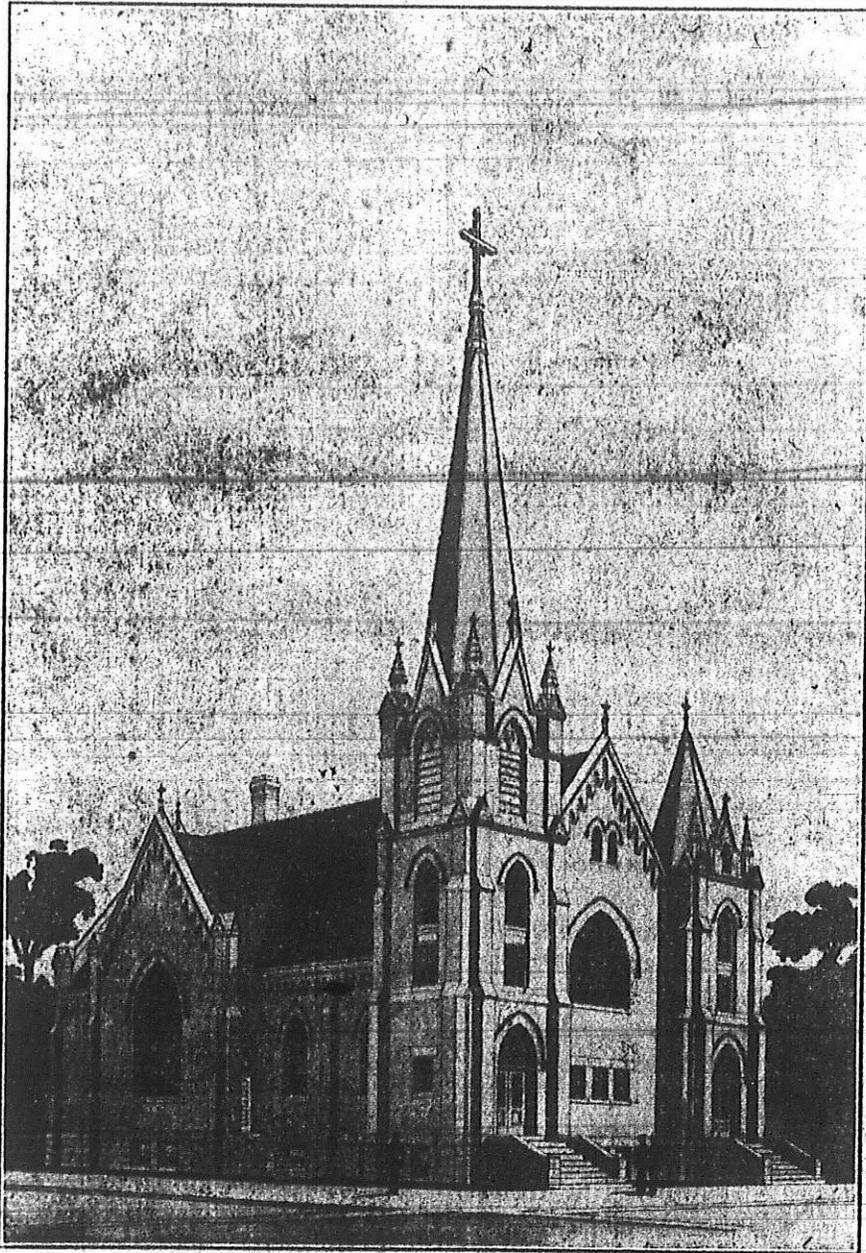
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**Newspaper Articles:** Church dedication drawing (from "New Church Dedicated," *Waverly Democrat*,  
March 5, 1908, p. 1)



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**Historic Photograph:** St. Paul's Lutheran Church, undated, likely prior to construction of Parish House-School in 1940 (Waverly Public Library Photograph Collection).



**Historic Photograph:** St. Paul's Lutheran Church, late 1940s, after construction of Parish House-School at far right (Waverly Public Library Photograph Collection).

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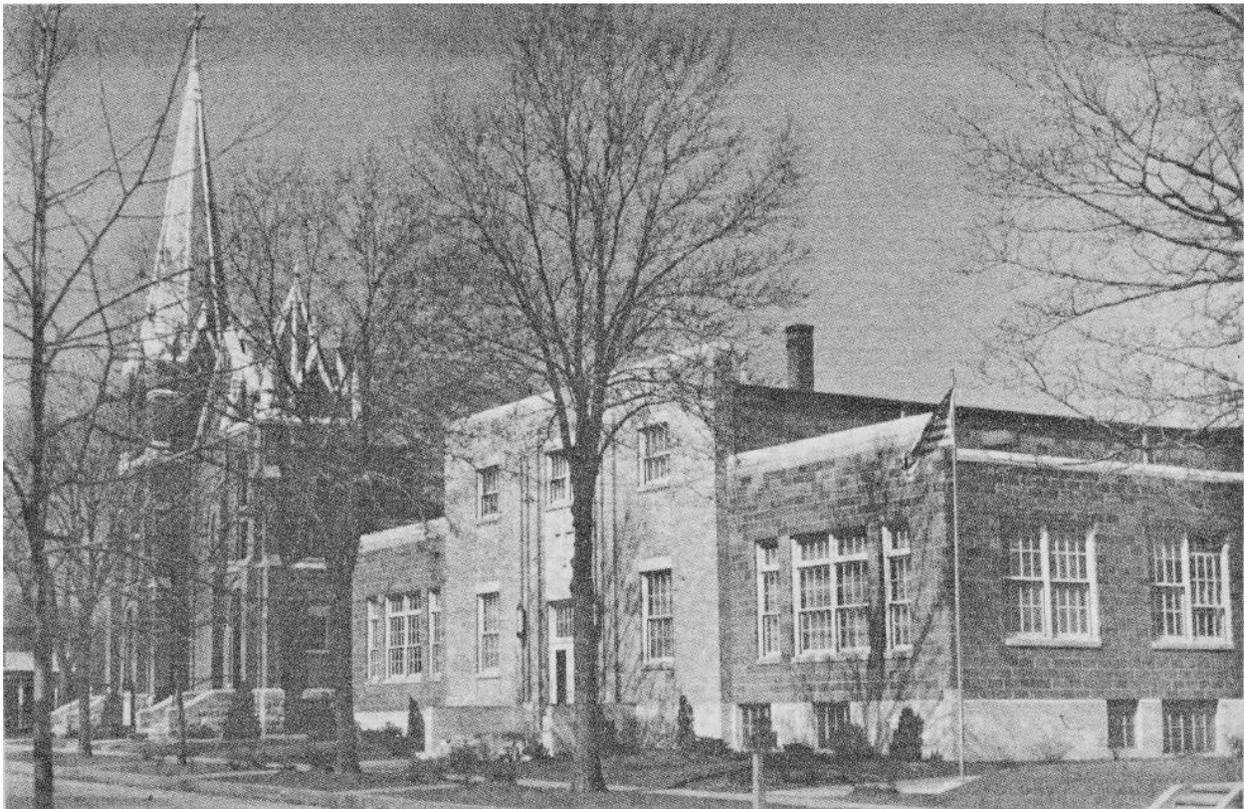
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**Historic Photographs:** 112 2nd Ave NW, Parish House-School, 1941, looking northeast, (above) available online at: <http://stpaulswaverly.org/news/about/history/> and *The Story of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Waverly Iowa, Its First One Hundred Years*, 1972, p. 44.

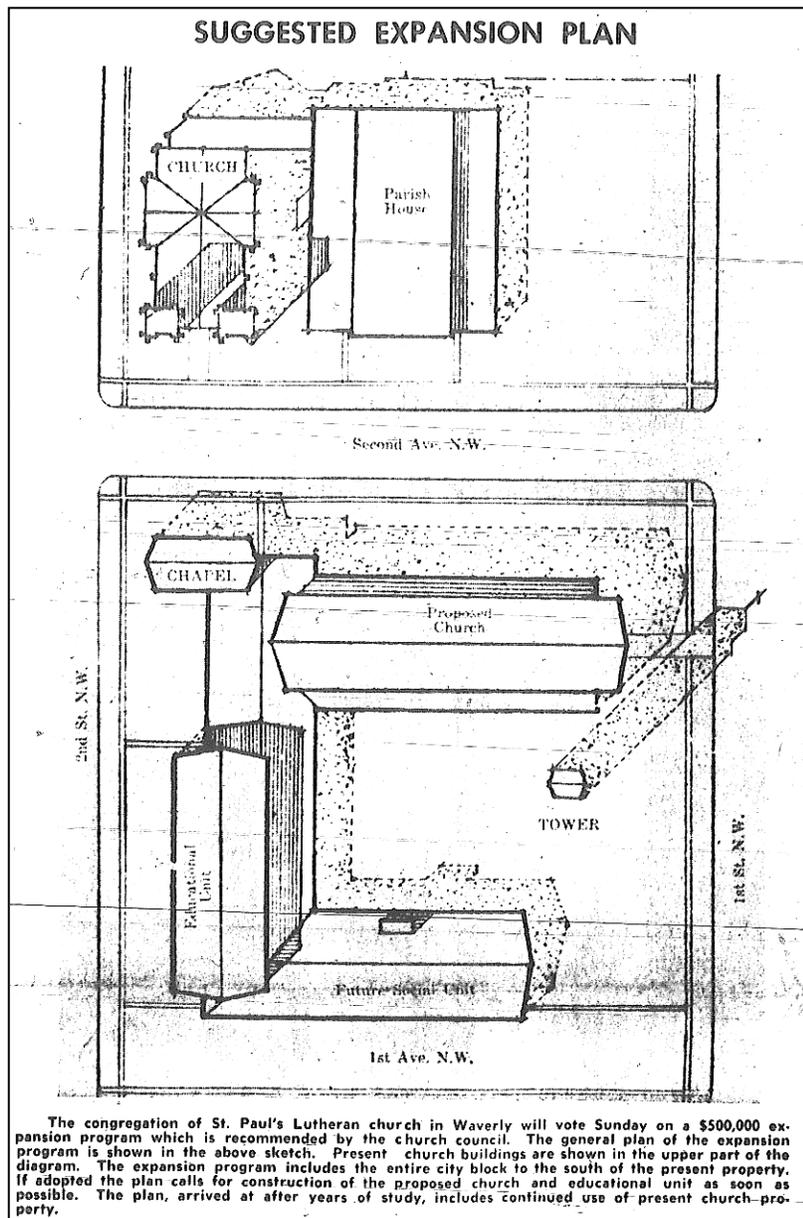


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**Newspaper Article:** planned church and school expansion plan discussed but not completed, from "Suggested Expansion Plan," *Waverly Democrat*, 6/17/1955.



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**Newspaper Article:** new school located south of church dedicated, from "School Dedication," *Waverly Democrat*, September 24, 1964.

## Special Service at St. Paul's SCHOOL DEDICATION

Sunday at 1:30 p.m., St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Waverly will hold a Service of Dedication for its new parish education building.

The Dedication Service will be held on the east side of the new building. Those who will speak at the service are Chester Fraker, chairman of the congregation; William Engelbrecht, chairman of the Building Committee; and Laurence Carver, chairman of the Conservation Committee.

Dr. Herman W. Siefkes, president of the Iowa District of The American Lutheran Church, will bring greetings from the District. Pastors Gronlund and

Rehfeldt will dedicate the new structure to the Glory of God. Special music will be provided.

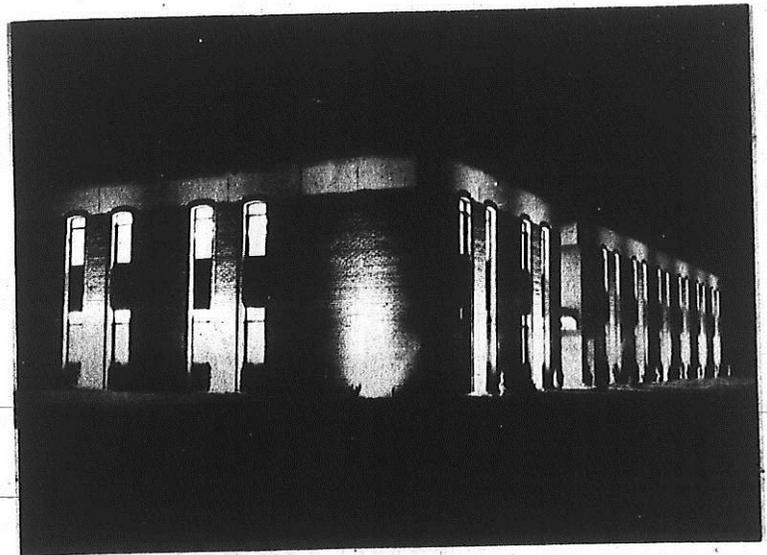
An Open House will follow the service. Tours of the new building will be available to everyone. Members of the Church Council will serve as guides. Refreshments will be served by the Women of the Church.

The \$350,000 building provides facilities for St. Paul's parish education program which includes: 650 Sunday Church School children; 400 in Adult Education; 170 children in the Christian Day School; 400 children in Vacation Church School; 100 youth in Confirmation classes;

and 100 children in Saturday School. Meetings of various church organizations will also be held in the new building.

Ground breaking was held on October 27, 1963, and the building was ready for Christian Day School classes which began on August 27, 1964.

Pastors and members of the Churches in the Waterloo Conference of the Iowa District, The American Lutheran Church; pastors and members of churches in the Waverly area, plus all people in the Waverly community and surrounding areas are invited to the afternoon dedication and Open House.



DEDICATION -- An Open House, including building tours, will be held Sunday in conjunction with dedication of the new St. Paul's parochial school building. The night scene and class room view preview the tour.



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**Representative Interior Church Floor Plan and Terminology** (available online at:

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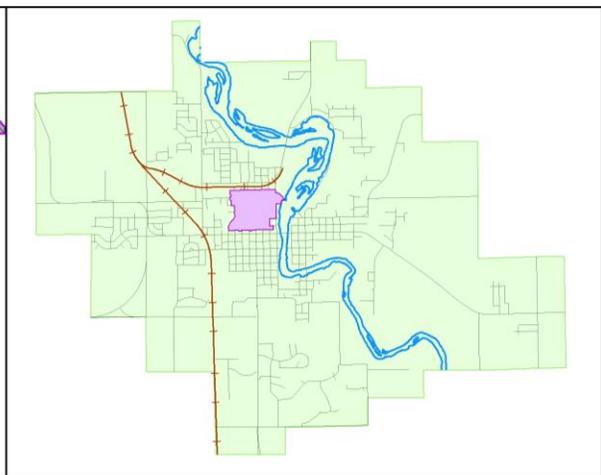
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**Photographs:** 112 2nd Ave NW, Church, looking north, Marlys Svendsen, Svendsen Tyler, Inc., photographer, 11/15/2011.



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**Photographs:** 112 2nd Ave NW, Church, looking northwest with Parish House-School adjoining on right (above) and long view, looking east (below), Marlys Svendsen, Svendsen Tyler, Inc., photographer, 11/15/2011.



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**Photographs:** 112 2nd Ave NW, Church, west transept, looking north where transept is facing 2<sup>nd</sup> St NW and entrance detail, Marlys Svendsen, Svendsen Tyler, Inc., photographer, 11/15/2011.



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**Photographs:** 112 2nd Ave NW, Church, granite block foundation detail, looking east along west transept (above) and exterior view of five-sided apse at north end of sanctuary and altar (below); Marlys Svendsen, Svendsen Tyler, Inc., photographer, 11/15/2011.



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**Photographs:** 112 2nd Ave NW, Church, detail, brick corbelling; Marlys Svendsen, Svendsen Tyler, Inc., photographer, 11/15/2011.

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**Photographs:** 112 2nd Ave NW, Church, interior details, nave, looking north (above) and sanctuary and altar in apse, looking north (bottom); Marlys Svendsen, Svendsen Tyler, Inc., photographer, 11/15/2011.



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**Photographs:** 112 2nd Ave NW, Church, interior details, representative stained glass windows, Marlys Svendsen, Svendsen Tyler, Inc., photographer, 11/15/2011.



Narthex windows, center window features Martin Luther.



Nave windows, looking west and east, adjacent to choir loft



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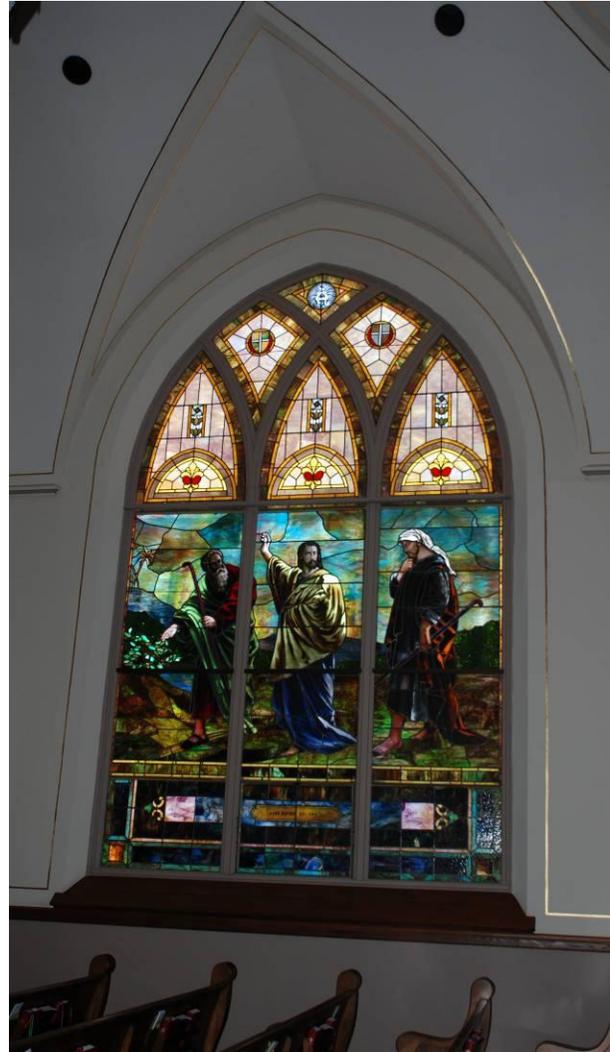
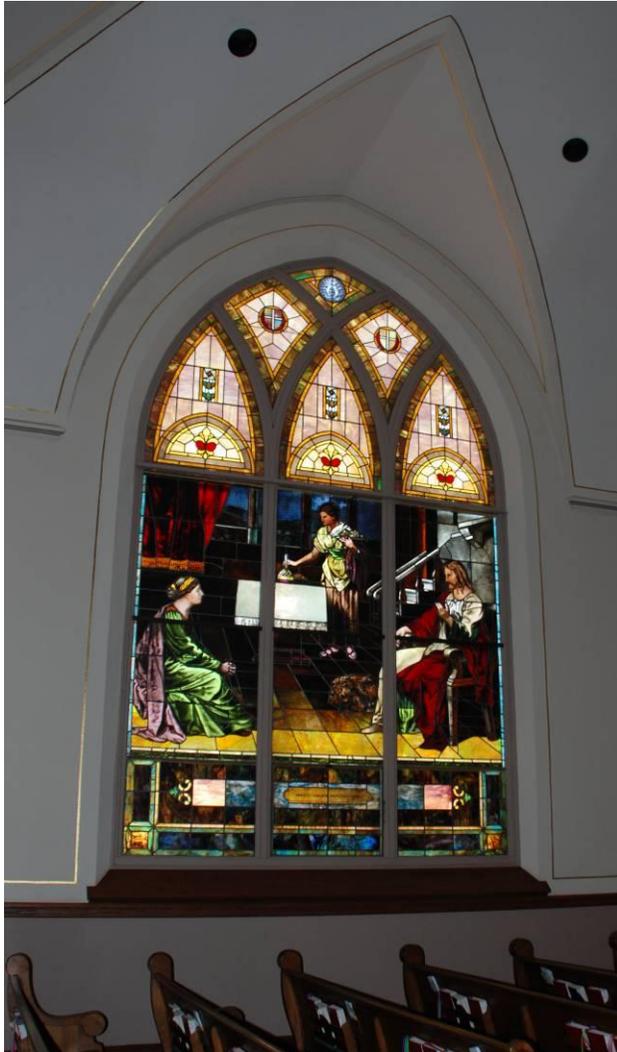
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**Photographs:** 112 2nd Ave NW, Church, interior details, transept windows, looking west and east, Marlys Svendsen, Svendsen Tyler, Inc., photographer, 11/15/2011.



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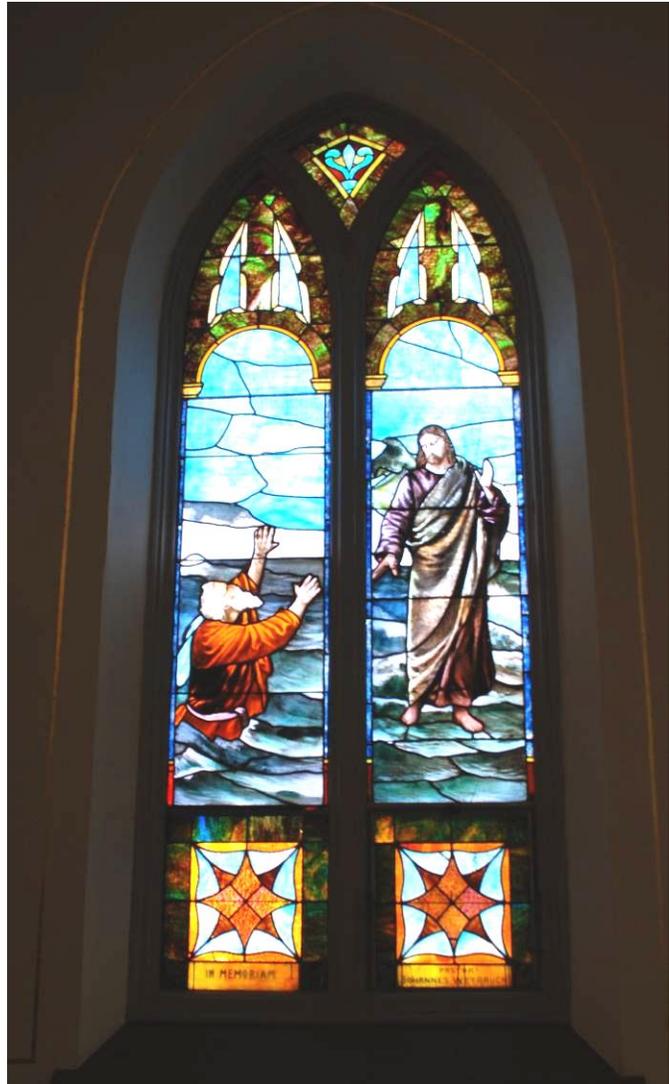
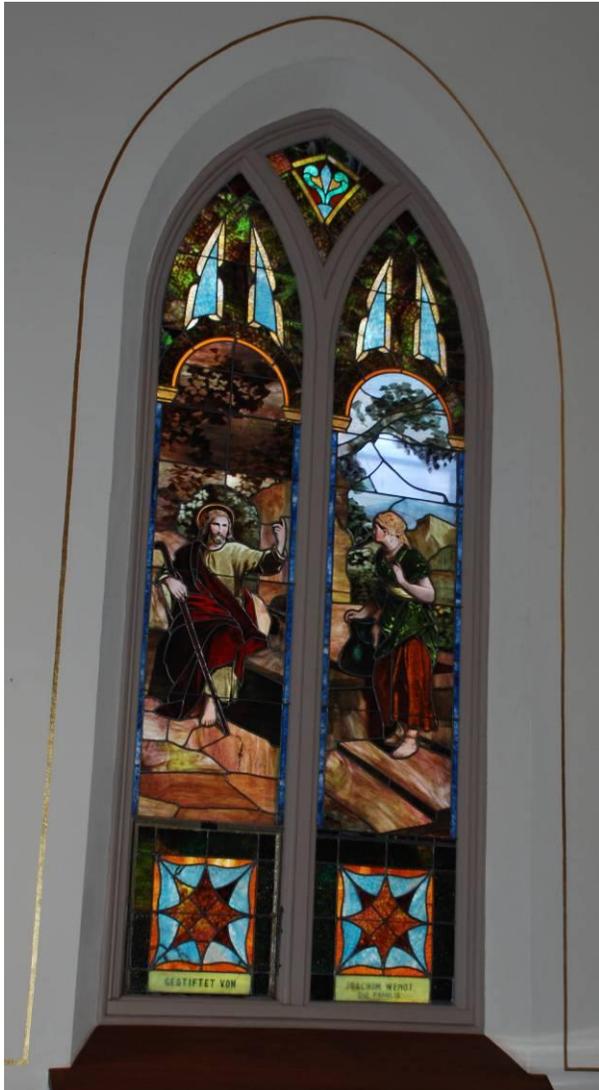
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**Photographs:** 112 2nd Ave NW, Church, interior details, representative stained glass windows, nave windows, looking west and east near sanctuary, Marlys Svendsen, Svendsen Tyler, Inc., photographer, 11/15/2011



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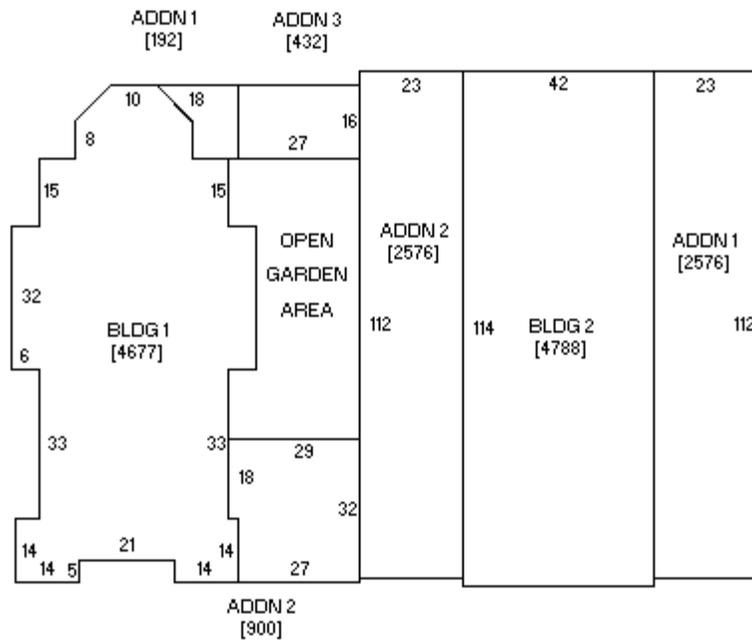
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**Floor plan**, 112 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave NW, Church and Parish House-School site plan, Bremer County Assessor website; available at <http://beacon.schneidercorp.com/PhotoEngine/Sketch.aspx?appid=330&keyvalue=0902111007&index=0&size=0>; accessed 7/01/2013.



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