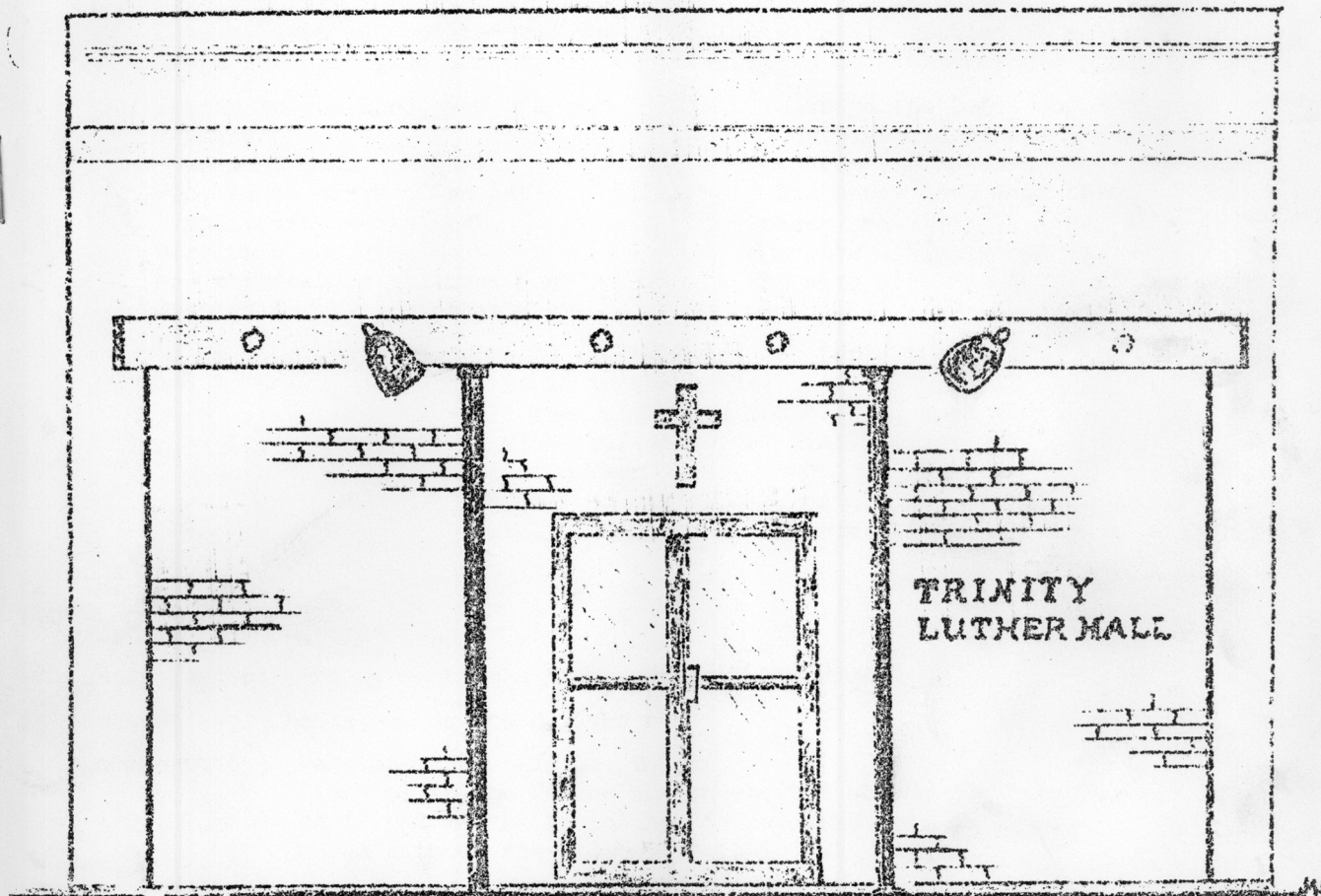


DEDICATION



TRINITY LUTHERAN
ARENZVILLE, ILLINOIS

Sunday, May 19, 1974

- A FESTIVE SERVICE OF DEDICATION

THE PRELUDE

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him,
for He is thy health & Salvation!
Join the full throng;
Wake, harp and psalter and song
Sound forth in glad adoration!
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all
things
so wondrously reigneth,
Who, as on wings of an eagle,
uplifteth, sustaineth.
Hast thou not seen
How thy desires all have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?
3. Praise to the Lord, who hath fearfully,
wondrously, made thee;
Health hath vouchsafed and, when
heedlessly falling, hath stayed thee.
What need or grief
ever hath failed of relief?
Wings of His mercy did shade thee.
4. Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper
thy work and defend thee,
Who from the heavens the streams of
His mercy doth send thee.
Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do,
Who with His love doth befriend thee.
5. Praise to the Lord! Oh, Let all that
is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now
with praises before Him!
Let the Amen
Sound from His people again;
Gladly for aye we adore Him. Amen.

THE VERSICLES

Pastor: O Lord, open Thou my lips.

Congregation: And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

Pastor: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

Congregation: Make haste to help me, O Lord.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Hallelujah!

Pastor: Oh, come, let us worship the Lord:

Congregation: For He is our Maker

THE VENITE

1. Oh, come, let us sing unto the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation.
2. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving:
and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms.
3. For the Lord is a great God:
and a great King above all gods.
4. In His hand are the deep places of the earth:
the strength of the hills is His also.
5. The sea is His, and He made it:
and His hands formed the dry land.
6. Oh, come, let us worship and bow down:
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.

7. For He is our God:
and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

THE HYMN

1. (Children & Adult Choirs)

Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;
At thy speaking it was done;
For created light we thank thee,
While thine ordered seasons run:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise to thee, who light dost send!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia without end!

2. (Choirs & Congregation)

Lo, on men who dwelt in darkness,
Dark as night and deep as death,
Broke the light of thy salvation,
Breathed thine own life-breathing breath:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia without end!

3. (Congregation)

Thy strong word bespeaks us righteous;
Bright with thine own holiness,
Glorious now, we press toward glory,
And our lives our hopes confess:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia without end!

4. (Choirs)

From the cross thy wisdom shining
Breaketh forth in conquering might;
From the cross forever beameth
All thy bright redeeming light:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia without end!

5. (all)

Give us lips to sing thy glory,
Tongues thy mercy to proclaim,
Throats that shout the hope that fills us,
Mouths to speak thy holy name:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
May the light which thou dost send
Fill our songs with alleluias,
Alleluias without end!

6. (all. Cong. rise for this verse)

God the Father, Light-Creator
To thee laud and honor be;
To thee, Light of Light begotten,
Praise be sung eternally;
Holy Spirit, Light-Revealer,
Glory, glory be to thee;
Men and angels, now and ever
Praise the Holy Trinity. Amen.

THE PSALMODY: Psalm 67

Pastor: God be merciful unto us and bless us:

Congregation: and cause His face to shine upon us.

Pastor: That Thy way may be known upon earth:

Congregation: Thy Saving health among all nations.

Pastor: Let the people praise Thee, O God:

Congregation: let all the people praise Thee.

Pastor: Oh, let the nations be glad and sing for joy:

Congregation: for Thou shalt judge the people righteously and govern
the nations upon earth.

Pastor: Let the people praise Thee, O God:

Congregation: Let all the people praise Thee.

Pastor: Then shall the earth yield her increase:

Congregation: and God, even our own God, shall bless us.

Pastor: God shall bless us:

Congregation: and all the ends of the earth shall fear Him.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

LECTION: I Sam. 3:1-10
Mark 10:13-16

Pastor: But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Congregation: Thanks be to Thee, O Lord

THE SERMON: The Greater Splendor! Haggai 2:9

THE OFFERING: Special envelopes in the Bulletin for Luther Hall Building Fund.

THE PRAYERS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Pastor, with the congregation, shall go in procession to the door of Luther Hall.

Pastor: O Lord God, eternal in the heavens, You dwell in the high and holy place and also with him who is of a contrite heart and humble spirit, we beseech Thee, graciously look upon us, and let us enter this building with Your Blessing, that we may dedicate it to Your glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Whereas by the grace of God and His almighty protection we have so far completed Luther Hall that on this day we are to dedicate it as a memorial to the true God, a place for His honor, a place of prayer and study of His Holy Word as well as Christian growth for our Youth, where God has promised to come to us and our children and bless us;

We herewith open the doors of Luther Hall to dedicate it and its contents to the Triune God, that it may be always used to the Glory of God and for the furtherance of the Christian Education of our children, youth and adults; in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

The Chairman of the Building & Planning Committee and the Chairman of the Furnishings Committee shall open the doors of Luther Hall.

The entire congregation shall then go in procession to the Youth Room of Luther Hall for the rite of Dedication.

THE RITE OF DEDICATION

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord, we are come to dedicate this Trinity Luther Hall. O God, our Father, creator of heaven and earth, by whose favor we have remodeled this building,

Congregation: To Thee we dedicate this Hall.

Pastor: O Jesus Christ, the Son of the Living God, our Lord and Savior,

Congregation: To Thee we dedicate this Hall.

Pastor: O Holy Spirit, source of light and life, our Sanctifier and Comforter,

Congregation: To Thee we dedicate this Hall.

Pastor: To Thy glory and honor, O Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,

Congregation: We dedicate this Hall.

Pastor: We dedicate these Sunday School and Bible Class rooms with their chairs, tables, book organizers and other appointments to the study of God's Word. Give us grace to be diligent in the use of this means of Grace in our personal lives and in the lives of our children.

Congregation: May it be said of all who study God's Word here "Blessed are they that hear the Word of God and keep it."

Pastor: We dedicate this Kindergarten Room and Pre-Kindergarten room with their appointments to the task of bringing Jesus to the very young. Give us grace to make use of these opportunities for Christian training of our children.

Congregation: May the Words of the Proverb be a constant reminder to us as it says "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old he will not depart from it."

Pastor: We dedicate this Youth Room and its articles of Recreation, Education and Entertainment to the Glory of God and the blessing of our Youth. Give us Grace that this room always be a place where Christian Youth may gather to grow in Christ and be strengthened for Christian Living.

Congregation: May we say with the Apostle "Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and Spiritual songs, singing with Grace in your hearts to the Lord."

Pastor: We dedicate this Office and the furnishings and equipment in it to the Glory of sharing the printed Word of Life with others.

Congregation: We dedicate this building and all its parts for the sanctification of the home, the guidance of parents and Youth, the training of the Youth and for Christian service and fellowship.

Pastor & Congregation:

We now, the members of Trinity Lutheran Church, dedicate this Trinity Luther Hall, with all its furnishings, appointments and equipment to the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; and we also dedicate ourselves anew to the worship and service of this Triune God and the growth in faith through the study of His Word. Through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM: "Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise"
(Children of Trinity Lutheran School)

DEDICATION PRAYER

ALL: LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

Congregation: Amen

THE DOXOLOGY (Sung by congregation)

Praise God from Whom All blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above Ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

SILENT PRAYER

THE PREACHER & LITURGIST

The Rev. Louis C. Knief, Pastor
Trinity Lutheran Church
Arenzville, Illinois

THE ORGANIST

Mrs. David Roegge
Arenzville, Illinois

Assisting:

Miss Diane Schone
Arenzville, Illinois

You are Asked to Kindly sign the guest Register of Luther Hall before you leave today. We invite All guests and members to do this so we have a permanent record of our Luther Hall guests.

Also, Everyone is invited to remain for a brief reception here in Luther Hall, enjoy refreshments and tour the hall. Members of the Building Committee and the Furnishings Committee will be happy to answer your inquiries. Refreshments are being served by the spouses of the last two mentioned committees.

Committee members who served during the Building Remodeling:

Trustees:

Wayne Strubbe
David Carls
Lawrence Meyer
Myron Beard
Melvin Schone
Clifford Thomas

Stewardship:

Harold Witte
Roland Krohe
Edward Carls
Marlin Winkelman
Jack Burrus

Building & Planning Committee:

Merle Lovekamp
Willard Peck
Edward Dufelmeier
Kenneth Phelps
Chris Roegge

Furnishings Committee:

Ross Houston
Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Roegge
Mrs. Margit Schoonover
Mrs. Patricia Roegge
Steve Carls
Joni Schone
Mr. & Mrs. Harold Witte

Finance Committee:

Delmos Winkelman
Don Wessler
Gerald Beard
Harlan Roegge
Merle Lovekamp

Board of Education:

Milton Carls
Richard Lovekamp
Wayne Schone
Robert Schone
Roland Carls

LUTHER HALL

The origin of Luther Hall has its roots in the earliest history of Trinity, for this congregation has always had a deep concern for Christian Education. One of the first acts of the congregation in 1872 was the establishment of a Sunday School, which was replaced by a Christian School the next year. The first school building was constructed in 1874 and when that building was found to be inadequate, a new one was built in 1897, just prior to celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the congregation in 1898. The importance of the Sunday School was again recognized so that in 1923 it was organized.

The year the congregation celebrated its 75th Anniversary (1947) the congregation began its third school building and dedicated it in 1949. This is the present school attached to the church building. On May 20, 1962 the congregation added the Thyen Property, known as the Annex. This building served as a Kindergarten & Sunday School Classroom until the summer of 1973. Luther Hall replaced that building, giving additional space. It is noteworthy that this project takes place on an Anniversary date of the congregation, the 100th.!

In 1969 the Parish Renewal Through Education program was proposed by Synod, and after study by Pastor Knief & Teacher Kenneth Kulow it was suggested to the congregation Voters. It was approved on July 20, 1969. Don Wessler was asked to serve as Project Director, who, together with Chairman Jack Burrus and the Stewardship Committee, appointed the Parish Renewal Committee composed of Mrs. Kris Roegge, Mrs. Althea Carls, Mr. Wayne Strubbe, Miss Jeanette Maschmeier, Mrs. Gertrude Phelps, Mr. Chester Lutkehus, Mrs. Shirlee Wessler, Mr. Chris Roegge, Mr. Merle Dufelmeier, Mr. Charles Roegge, Mr. Ken Phelps, Mr. Melvin Schone, Mr. Myron Beard, Mrs. Marilyn Werries, Mr. Gerald Beard and Mrs. Esther Morrison.

The Committee reported on the total educational program of the congregation, including its strengths and weaknesses and needs. The committee noted a great need for more adequate facilities for Sunday School & Bible classes on Sunday mornings, as well as a great need for storage of materials and supplies. Space was needed for the school teachers' office which led to a proposal that the Church Secretary's office be included in the general needs of the Educational facilities.

At the same time the Trustees had been reviewing the general condition of the properties of the congregation. They recommended to the Voters on April 19, 1970 that the Voters consider a building to replace the annex which was in need of extensive but prohibitive repairs. The Voters accepted this recommendation and continued to hear reports from the Parish Renewal Thru Education committee. In its October meeting, the Voters resolved to have the Parish Renewal Committee report to the assembled congregation on October 25, 1970, which was done.

Already earlier in 1970 some of the needs for educational facilities came to the attention of Mr. A. C. Hart of Arenzville. At that time he offered to donate the building and property of Luther Hall to Trinity. However, since Trinity was still in the midst of its Educational needs study, the offer was not immediately accepted. Further study of needs, congregational and community conditions all led the congregation to see the wisdom in accepting the generous offer of Mr. Hart. So it was in its July, 1971, meeting that the Voters formally accepted the offer of Mr. & Mrs. A. C. Hart and acquired our present building, which was at one time a general store, then a roller skating rink, then a part of a cabinet building shop and now used for Christian Education purposes.

After accepting the building, work was immediately done on the roof under the direction of the Trustees, Jack Schone, Wayne Strubbe & David Carls. Other work was planned to improve the outward appearance of the building in view of the congregation's Centennial Celebration in 1972. Thus the canopy running the entire length of the front was removed and the building window areas enclosed with brick early in 1972.

A Building and Planning Committee was then appointed to plan how best to use the

interior of the building. The Committee included Merle Lovekamp, Willard Peck, Edward Dufelmeier, Kenneth Phelps & Chris Roegge. This committee worked carefully and prayerfully and finally presented the plans for the present building to the Voters on April 16, 1972. These then were shared with the entire congregation on April 23 and approved by the Voters in a special meeting on April 30. The contracts were awarded to Huey Lumber Company, Arenzville, Illinois for the interior carpentry work; Natemeyer Plumbing and Heating, Arenzville, the plumbing heating of the building and Leischner Electric for the electrical work.

A work day was designated on January 10, 11, 12, 1972 to remove the debris from the interior of the building. The Trustees reported that more than 20 men came to help clean up the building those days.

The children, youth & adults of the congregation were invited to suggest names for the building. Of all the names suggested, the Board of Education selected the name "Luther Hall" as most appropriate. It was suggested by Leesa Kulow. The building was officially named at the April 16, 1972 Voters Meeting.

Actual remodeling of the interior did not begin until January, 1973. Work progressed through the spring. When it became evident that soon the building would be ready for use, the Voters authorized the appointment of a Furnishings Committee to provide furnishings commensurate with the use of the building and its decor. Members who served on this committee included Ross Houston, Chairman; Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Roegge; Mrs. Margit Schoonover; Mrs. Patricia Roegge; Steve Carls; Joni Schone and Mr. & Mrs. Harold Witte with guidance from the Pastor, Teachers Junge and Wahls, Board of Trustees & Board of Education.

After meeting with persons who would be using the Sunday School and Bible Class rooms, the committee recommended that each of the rooms be furnished with the following basic items: 10 chairs, folding adjustable table, cork-board, chalk board combination, and a book organizer. Equipment and furnishings for the Kindergarten room and the Church Secretary's office were recommended to the Voters and furnished with appropriate appointments. Other needs included: Room identifying plaques, refrigerated water cooler, outdoor building identifying sign, coat rack, drapes for Kindergarten and Office rooms, glass enclosed bulletin board, two teaching pedestals for class rooms desiring them rather than tables and the appointments for the rest rooms. All these items were provided by individual and groups within the congregation.

Luther Hall is a concrete block building 49 ft. X 100 ft. Its west rooms consists of three large classrooms, each 30 ft X 16 ft. Each of the three are further sub-divided into three smaller rooms by folding doors, to provide nine classrooms for Sunday School and Bible Classes on Sunday mornings. The first of the large rooms is used for Trinity Lutheran's Pre-kindergarten program two afternoons a week. A hallway divides these rooms on the west side of the building from the Kindergarten room, rest rooms, clerical secretary's office, youth room and store room on the east side of the building. The Youth room is 24 ft X 70 ft with a 9 ft ceiling. The Kindergarten room and the clerical secretary's room were a part of the original structure. All teaching rooms are used on Sunday mornings for Bible Study and Sunday School, including the youth room, which has an adult bible class meeting in it.

OUR THANKS

It is with thanks to God that we take note of the enthusiasm of members of the congregation with regard to this major undertaking. Many members donated much time and skill to bring it to completion. Members who contracted work donated their labor. They are: Mr. James Beard, Mr. John Leischner, Mr. Wilbur Natemeyer and Mr. Robert Natemeyer, Mrs. Jack Burrus and Mrs. Wilbur Lippert donated their time and skill in making the drapes for the Kindergarten room and the clerical Secretary's office. The water cooler was donated by Harold Wessler, repaired by a member of Trinity and repainted as a gift by Oz & Gary's Body Shop. The window in the clerical Secretary's office was donated by Mr. Harold Witte and Mr. Merle Lovekamp and the

window in the Kindergarten room was donated by Mr. Roland Krohe and Mr. Edward Carls. The Air conditioning for the Kindergarten and Secretary's office and the Hi Fi for the Youth room were donated by Mr. & Mrs. David Carls. The shrubs & landscaping between Luther Hall and the church was donated by the Walter Roegge family and the Edward Carls family. Many hours of labor and equipment and trucks were donated to prepare the building. The furnishings in the nine west rooms were donated by the following: Merle Lovekamp and Kenneth Roegge, Marlin Winkelman, Delmos Winkelman, Harlan Roegge, Richard Lovekamp, The Strubbe Family, Don Wessler Insurance, Beard Implement Co. and Trinity Lutheran Ladies Aid. Other donations toward the furnishings were made by the Fellowship League and Mrs. Eileen Dannewitz.

As we say these words of acknowledgment, we are also mindful of a whole host of members and friends who have given of themselves unselfishly during the past 2½ years while this project was being completed. Their names should also be included. We thank them all in the name of our Lord Jesus. We must also acknowledge that it is our gracious God who has worked within the hearts of His people to give them the will to do this.

ALL GLORY TO GOD!

This building, as it stands now furnished, represents an expenditure of about \$33,500. This includes the furnishings as well as the remodeling that has been done. The following list gives a small breakdown of the various expenditures which were necessary to complete the building:

Contractors:

Cassidy Roofing Company Rushville, Illinois - New Roof	\$ 889.00
Carl Wessel, Contractor Beardstown, Illinois - Front brick & masonry work	\$ 2,774.00
Huey Lumber Company Arenzville, Illinois - Total contract & extras for remodeling interior	\$20,824.00
Natemeyer Heating & Plumbing Arenzville, Illinois - Plumbing, heating, airconditioning	\$ 2,558.00
Leischner Electric Arenzville, Illinois - Electric Fixtures & material	\$ 1,876.00
Village of Arenzville - Sewer hookup	\$ 150.00
James Beard Painting Arenzville, Illinois - Sand blasting & painting exterior	\$ 298.00
Total Remodeling Cost	\$29,370.00
Interest	\$ 459.00

Furnishings:

Nine (9) Classrooms	\$1742.00 (special Furnishings fund)
Kindergarten Room	193.00 (congregational budget)
Clerical Secretary's office	788.00 (congregational budget)
Other appointments (coat rack, room signs, rest room furnishings, Kindergarten & office curtains, water cooler parts, etc.)	381.00 (special furnishings fund)
Extra furnishings for Pre-Kindergarten Rooms	\$ 100.00 (provided by Pre-Kindergarten)

We also give thanks to God for the most generous gifts given toward the cost of the total project, so that we may say at this time (May 19, 1974) that the furnishings are completely paid for and there is only \$7000 outstanding on the Remodeling cost. Truly God's people have worked with a will and moved by God's love done great things, and we are Glad!

GIVE PRAISE TO OUR GOD!

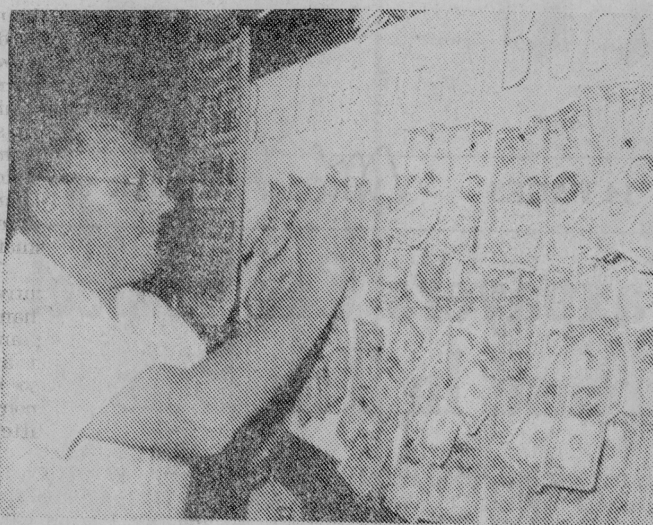
Teachers, Students At St. John's Plan Trips During May

Buckley — St. John's Sunday school teachers rally will be held at Immanuel Lutheran church at Osman on Sunday, May 19 at 1:30 p.m. The afternoon session will be inspirational fellowship for all Sunday school workers.

Vacation Bible school will be held from June 3 through 14 at St. John's. The deadline for enrollment is May 20. All children are invited to attend. There will be refreshments served and babysitters supplied for the mothers teaching.

Each of the classes at St. John's school will be taking trips during the month of May. Kindergarten thru grade 3 will go to Bloomington on Tuesday, May 21. The bus will leave at 8:30 a.m. and return at 3:30 p.m. They will visit the Miller Park and Zoo and also the Beich Candy co. Grades 4-5 will visit Chanute Field on May 16. Grade 6 will go to Kankakee and visit the planetarium at Olivet college. Grade 7 will go to Camp Cilea on May 13-17 and grade 4 thru 7 will be traveling and touring with students from Buckley-Loda grade school and Junior high.

Sixty boys and girls from grades 5 thru 8 of St. John's, will attend a track meet at Bloomington for all Lutheran Schools.



Buck Cancer With 128 Bucks

Charles Luhrsen, Loda township chairman of the American Cancer Crusade and owner of the Isle tavern on Route 45 between Loda and Buckley added \$128 to the township total with this "Buck Cancer With A Buck" board at his business. For every buck his customers gave to fight cancer, he bought them a drink. Luhrsen reported Wednesday that \$575 had been turned in to him so far during the April crusade with 10 sub-chairmen yet to report. He said final donations in the township should reach \$1,000.