



## *The Day of Celebration Arrives*

### ***The Elkhart Truth* Saturday Evening October 22, 1910 ST. PAUL'S CONGREGATION TO USE NEW CHURCH**

### **RALLY SERVICE IS CHIEF FEATURE ON SUNDAY**

The congregation of St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church will hold its first meeting in the new church building tomorrow. Meetings will be held in the basement which has been completed, until the main part of the edifice is finished.

Tomorrow will be marked by special Rally services in the church, Sunday School, Epworth and Junior Leagues and special programs have been arranged. The Sunday school children will meet at the old church at 9:30 where they will march to the new church where the program will begin at 10:00 o'clock.

At 7:30 in the evening, the pastor, Rev. J.W. Walters will preach the first sermon in the new church.

*(Also mentioned in this article is informa-*

*tion regarding the new Presbyterian church at the corner of High and Second streets where the Elkhart Public Library now stands. The Presbyterian church was to be dedicated on December 4th.)*

### ***The Elkhart Daily* Review**

### **Monday October 24, 1910 ST. PAUL'S CHURCH IN NEW QUARTERS**

### **SUNDAY IS GALA DAY WITH ONE OF THE CITY'S MOST PRO- GRESSIVE CONGRE- GATIONS**

### **300 JOIN IN PROCES- SION FROM OLD HOUSE OF WORSHIP TO NEW EDIFICE NOW NEARING COMPLE- TION**

Sunday was a genuine Rally day for the Sunday school and members of St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal church and one which will live long in the memory of each person who participated in or witnessed the services in celebration of entering the magnificent new church. From the first to the last service of the day, the interest was excep-

tional and the attendance the largest in the history of the church.

At 9:30, 300 persons were gathered in front of the old church at Prospect (*error—should be Ellis—now Crawford*) and Liberty streets. This included Sunday school scholars, teachers and workers. Each was presented a miniature American flag as a souvenir. The procession which was two blocks in length, marched to the new church, led by G.T. Hunter, a veteran of the civil war. F.N. Potter who organized the first St. Paul's Sunday school eighteen years ago, each carrying large flags, and Rev. William Lash who was the first pastor of St. Paul's church. *\*(error see note on next page)*

The new edifice at Beardsley, Edwardsburg and Riverside Drive was reached at 10 o'clock and while the members of the procession were being seated, music was furnished by an orchestra composed of members of the Boy's Band.

### **CAST OF CHARACTERS**

- Rev. J. W. Walters
- George Thornton Hunter
- F. N. Potter
- R. M. Stewart
- Rev. William Lash
- Albert & Elizabeth Beardsley
- The Elkhart Truth
- The Elkhart Daily Review
- The Boys' Band
- Ellen & Thelma Foster, Ruth Stark and Grace Bell Smith
- Russell Drink, Harold Crane, Ethel Strintz, Helen Smith, Edith Jessup, Ollie Henderson, Cleo Haun, Beatrice Brumbaugh
- Miss Mary Daly
- Mrs. Walter Samuels and Mrs. Frank Ort
- Emerson Martin, Marie Stark, Walter Treuschal, Mary Houseworth, Blanche Fisher, Russell Drake, Vera Peabody, Naomi Walters
- Margaret Huff, Blanche Fisher, Isabelle Montwheeler
- Sunday School Children
- 300 cheering members and guests
- The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit

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ARTICLES ARE  
SIMILAR IN NATURE,  
THEY EACH CONTAIN  
IMPORTANT  
INFORMATION,  
VARYING DETAILS, OR  
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THE INTEREST,  
ACCURACY OR  
ATTENTION SPAN OF  
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**Interesting Program  
Rendered**

The program whose general head was "Life Heroic," included songs by the school, primary department exercised by Ellen Foster, Thelma Foster, Ruth Stark and Grace Bell Smith. Story recitation "The Funeral of a Midnight Charge," by Russell Drenk; recitation, "The Need of the Hour," by Harold Crane; recitation, "Unwasted Days," by Ethel Strintz; recitation by Helen Smith; a story of "Hero Who Won His Fight" by Edith Jessup; recitation "Give Us Men" by Ollie Henderson; recitation "A Lecture to \_\_\_\_\_" by Cleo Haun; and recitation, "The Hero of Heroes," by Beatrice Brumbaugh.

Prof. E. H. Drake gave a review of the Sunday school lessons for the past quarter; Sunday school superintendent, R.M. Stewart, who acted as the chairman for the day, spoke of the joy and appreciation he felt on entering the new church and the hope he anticipated for a great work to be done in the future. F.N. Potter who organized the first Sunday school of this church, spoke of the wonderful growth and the pleasure it gave him to see so much interest manifested. The pastor, Rev. J.W. Walters, made a very brief informal talk and the morning Rally closed with the singing of the "Gloria Patri" by the entire school.

**Flowers and Flag  
Decorate**

The Sunday school of the new church was beautifully decorated and an abundance of cut flowers, plants and ferns being used. Behind the speakers was raised a beautiful wool bunting flag, 10 x 20 feet, which was presented by Mr. and Mrs. A.R. Beardsley. The gift was thoroughly appreciated and the entire school stood at the closed of the service and signified their thanks by clapping their hands. The same expression was given the boys who gave their services in the orchestra. Although there had been no special appeal for a collection, the Sunday school offering was \$12.

The Junior League in the afternoon enjoyed the largest attendance in its history, 70 members being present. Miss Mary Daly, as superintendent and Mrs. Walter Samuels and Mrs. Frank Ort, assistants, talked of the work hoped to be accomplished by the Juniors after which the following officers were elected: President, Emerson Martin; 1st vice-president, Marie Stark; 2nd vice-president, Walter Treuschal; 3rd vice-president, Edith Jessup; 4th vice president, Mary Houseworth; secretary, Blanche Fisher; treasurer, Russell Drake; organist, Vera Peabody; chorister, Naomi Walters. A quartet—Margaret Huff, Beatrice Brumbaugh, Blanche Fisher and Isabelle Montwheeler rendered special selections for the service.

The theme of the Senior League, which met at 6 o'clock, was "Universal Peace," led by the president Walter Shaw.

**Pastor Preaches in  
Evening**

At the evening services, the pastor delivered a most interesting sermon on "God is Not Responsible for our Temptations." The choir rendered special music.

Mr. Walters based his discourse on the quotation, "Let no man say when I am tempted, I am tempted of God. God cannot tempt with evil, neither tempteth he any man." He declared that God created everything in the world that is good but that he did not create evil, that God made man a free moral agent, and man disobeyed him and placed sin in the world.

The new Sunday school room, while not yet entirely completed, will be used for all services from now until completion of the church.

It is believed that the church will be ready for dedication before Christmas.

The Sunday school room will be apportioned into 12 rooms for classes. These rooms to be divided by means of sliding doors. When all doors are back against the walls, the assembly is very large.

St. Paul's Church is being erected at a cost of \$30,000, and when completed, will be one of the most beautiful structures in the city.

**\*REV WILLIAM LASH**  
*Not the first Pastor,  
but a Circuit Rider  
Preacher to our early  
members.*

*Rev. Lash was the pastor of the Elkhart Circuit from April 1884 to April 1885. He died February 11, 1916 at the age of 81. He was the grandfather of St. Paul's member Maude (Erwin) Martin who was the mother of Evelyn Andresen, the former secretary of St. Paul's church. The name of William Lash and his wife, Mary, are on the window on the south side of the sanctuary.*



## *The Elkhart Truth, Monday, October 24, 1910*

### **NEW CHURCH IS OPENED RIVERSIDE CON- GREGATION IN ALL-DAY SES- SION SUNDAY FOR FIRST SER- VICE IN ST. PAUL'S NEW EDI- FICE.**

#### **Sing As They March**

#### **Sunday School Procession an Impres- sive Event**

#### **First Superintendent and First Pastor \* Present**

Elaborate programs marked the first services in the new St. Paul's church building yesterday.

The Sunday school met at the old church building where each child was presented with a small flag as a souvenir of the occasion. The departure from the old church was marked by the singing of "God Be With You Till We meet Again," after which the column which was nearly two blocks long and contained fully 30 children started to the new church building sinning, "We're Marching to Zion." The procession was headed by G.T. Hunter, a civil war veteran carrying a flag. F.M. Potter, who organized the first Sunday school, and Rev. Wm. Lash, who was the first pastor of the church

eighteen years ago.\* A number of women who were interested in the formation of the church were also in line, and the primary, intermediate, junior and senior departments followed in order.

As the procession entered the new church, a march was played by the Boys' Band Orchestra and after this, the Rally Day program "Life Heroic" was carried out. This consisted of hymns, responsive readings, a primary exercise carried out by the little girls, Helen Foster, Thelma Foster, Grace Bell Smith, and Bernice Farley. Recitations were give by Helen Strintz, Russell Drink, Edith Jessup, Cleo Haun, Beatrice Brumbaugh, Gale Henderson, and Ethel Strintz.

At the close of the program, Prof. E.H. Drake reviewed the Sunday school lessons for the quarter, F.M. Potter gave a short address to the children, R.M. Stewart the Sunday school superintendent, expressed his delight in the new quarters and his appreciation for the new church home and a few remarks were made by the pastor, Rev. J. W. Walters. No effort was made to raise money, but the regular collection amounted to \$12.

Mr. and Mrs. A.R. Beardsley have presented the St. Paul's congregation a large wool bunting flag, 10 x 12 feet. When the announcement of the gift

was made to the children, it was greeted with vigorous handclapping. The Sunday school also expressed its enjoyment of the music by the Boys' Band in this manner. The Sunday school room, although not entirely completed, was beautifully decorated with palms, ferns, plants, flags and flowers.

At three o'clock, a rousing meeting of the Junior Epworth league was held under the leadership of Miss Mary Daly, superintendent, and Mrs. Frank Ort and Mrs. Walter Samuels, her assistants. Between sixty and seventy were present. Following the lessons, the officers were elected for the ensuing year. *(The article continues to name the elected officers. It names the quartet that sang, with two different names, Mildred Huff and Ida Belmont Wheeler.*

At 7 o'clock the pastor, Rev. J.W. Walters, preached the first sermon in the new church building. The inspiration for the sermon was taken from the General Epistle of James and the principal idea was that God is not responsible for our temptations. Solicitation to do evil does not come from God.

"It is the theory of some" said the speaker, "that God made everything, he is responsible for evil, but this is not true. Evil came into the world

through man's instrumentality, and as man is a free agent, he is responsible for sin. Man chose to do evil and sin is in the world. Therefore, if man is tempted, he is responsible if he yields to that temptation."

A large congregation was in attendance at the meeting. It is the hope of the congregation to be able to hold services in the main part of the church by the first of the year.

#### **ST. PAUL'S BEGINS OR- GANIZING GROUPS AND OPENING DOORS TO THE PUBLIC**

**WOMEN:** The Elkhart Truth reports, St. Paul's will use the new church basement for a Thanksgiving Dinner. It will be the first public affair in the new social room. The finely equipped basement will be "thrown open to the public when the Ladies Aid Society will have a Thanksgiving dinner beginning at 12 o'clock noon."

**CHILDREN:** December 1910: Epworth League had a meeting, musical numbers and an old fashioned spelling bee from an old fashioned spelling book with unusual words. Miss Beatrice Brumbaugh, winner, having "spelled down" the entire company. The Sunday school was almost entirely filled.

**MEN:** By the new year, a Men's Brotherhood was organized and met the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Starting with 31 members, they elected Milo Stark as president, Ira Martin as treasurer, Elmer Peabody as chaplain.

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ST. PAUL'S HISTORY has been submitted to the Elkhart County Historical Museum.

Our history will be submitted to the Indiana United Methodist Archives Library as part of the church record.

It is hoped to have our entire history published in print form or electronically.

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## *Final issue of the year...series will continue in 2011*

This will be the final issue of this year. Starting in 2011, issues will come out quarterly and will cover more in-depth topics, including major changes in the church, music and choirs, directors and organists, special events, special people, pastors' stories, building projects, genealogies, and a vast array of interests in the life of St. Paul's United Methodist Church.

It is hoped that you have enjoyed reading the history of St. Paul's from its meager beginnings to the building of this magnificent church where we worship and fellowship. I hope that you have developed a connection to the rich history that belongs to all of us, not only for the sake of pride or knowledge, but for the sake of Christ and the continuing work we must do on His behalf. The past is a great stepping stone to launch us forward, and it gives strength and courage to know others have persevered. As we journey along this time-travel, you are encouraged to share your stories, memories and pictures to add to the continuing history. But we cannot continue to look back, for if we do, we will miss what is in front of us. We must set our faces like flint and our eyes and ears heavenward, with hands and hearts and minds and souls ready to continue our part in His Story at this place we fondly call St. Paul's United Methodist Church.

—CJO

## *Find Us Faithful*

We're pilgrims  
on a journey of the narrow  
road,  
And those who've gone  
before us line the way.

Cheering on the faithful  
Encouraging the weary,  
Their lives a stirring testament to God's sustaining grace.

Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,  
let us run the race, not only for the prize.

But as those who've gone before us,

Let us leave to those behind us,

A heritage of faithfulness passed on through Godly lives.

O, may all who come behind us find us faithful

May the fire of our devotion light their way.

May the footprints that we leave, lead them to believe,

And the lives we live inspire them to obey.

O may all who come behind us find us faithful.

After all our hopes and dreams have come and gone,

And our children sift through all we've left behind.

May the clues that they discover, and the memories they uncover

Lead them to the road we each must find.

O, may all who come behind us find us faithful

May the fire of our devotion light their way.

May the footprints that we leave, lead them to believe,

And the lives we live inspire them to obey.

O may all who come behind us find us faithful.

*In the service of the King, Carol Jennet Ouzounian*



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community since October 1910  
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Sunday, October 24

9:30am \* Lunch \* 1:30pm