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Mich. Luth. Seminary was founded by the Ev. Luth. Joint Synod of Wisconsin, Minnesota, Michigan, and other States (the Ev. Luth. Joint Synod of Wisconsin a. o. St.' name at the time) at its 10. session, held at Ft. Atkinson, Wis., Aug. 11-17, 1909. To this session the Ev. Luth. Synod of Michigan a. o. States had sent delegates. These were to effect a reunion of their synod with the Joint Synod, relations that the Michigan Synod of its own accord had severed in 1896 to its own great loss.

After hearing the resolutions adopted by the Michigan Synod at its sessions (Riga, 1904; Saginaw, 1909) the Joint Synod resolved to again consider the members of the Michigan Synod their brethren in faith and that the Michigan Synod should again be a member of the Joint Synod as soon as a reunion had been effected between the Michigan District of the Joint Synod of Wisconsin etc. and the Ev. Luth. Synod of Michigan a. o. St. In the hope that this reunion would come about, the Joint Synod of Wisconsin made preparations to carry out the stipulations of the agreement of 1892, by which the Ev. Luth. Joint Synod of Wisconsin, Minnesota, Michigan a. o. States had been formed.

One of the articles of the agreement of 1892 was that a "Progymnasium," a preparatory school for the high institutions of the Joint Synod, was to be conducted by the Joint Synod in the State of Michigan, i. e. in Saginaw, where the old Theol. Seminary of the Michigan Synod had been located from 1887 to May 1907 (for the history of the old "Seminar" see Chr. L. Eberhardt's, the "Vater der Seminars," "Notiz-Buch," in the safe of MLS, the "Geschichte der Michigan Synode," articles in the "Synodalfremd," the organ of the Michigan Synod, articles in the "Gemeindeblatt" and "Northwestern Lutheran"). The grounds and buildings of the old "Seminar" were to be used by the new school. The grounds at that time contained about 4½ acres, bounded in the north by Hardin St. and in a westerly direction by Court St. There were only two buildings on the property, the Recitation Hall, built 1887, and the residence for the director, built 1894.

The Joint Synod likewise resolved to open up the "Progymnasium" as soon as possible and for this reason created a temporary board of regents, which was

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to serve till the next meeting of the Joint Synod in 1911. The board was to consist of five men. Three of these were to be elected by the Joint Synod during the session at Ft. Atkinson and the two others were to be chosen by the Michigan Synod after its reunion with the Michigan District of the Joint Synod of Wisconsin.

The three men chosen by the Joint Synod as members of the first board of regents for the "Progymnasium" (which at that time had not been given a name) "in Saginaw" were: Dr. August F. Ernst, president of Northwestern College, Watertown, Wis., chairman, Rev. Fred Soll of Burlington, Wis., president of the Joint Synod of Wisconsin, and Rev. Karl Machmiller of Manitowoc, Wis.

Both, the Mich. District of the Joint Synod of Wisconsin, Minnesota, Michigan and other States and the Ev. Luth. Synod of Michigan and other States, met May 19-24, 1910 in St. Stephen's Church at Adrian, Mich. During those days a reunion of the two bodies was agreed upon, both bodies were again to be united and form the Ev. Luth. Synod of Michigan a. o. St. A number of men of the Mich. District of the Joint Synod and their congregations, influenced by these men, remained aloof for some time and continued as Mich. District of the Joint Synod. In the course of time, when changes occurred in the pastorate of these congregations, the congregations, one after the other, joined the Michigan Synod.

After the reunion the reunited body elected Rev. John H. Westendorf of Saginaw, Mich. and Rev. Wm. Bodamer of Toledo, O. as members of the board of regents of the "Progymnasium" at Saginaw. It instructed its trustees (Rev. J. Westendorf, chairman, Rev. Geo. Ehnis, Rev. Wm. Kramer, Rev. Geo. Wacker, Rev. Theo. Hahn, Mr. F. Westendorf, Teacher C. J. Schulz, Mr. J. F. Rethmann, and Mr. O. J. Schlaack) to renovate the buildings of their former theological seminary, and, if they see fit, to buy a piece of land (in whole or in part), south-east of the director's residence on Court St., that was offered to the Synod at \$2,000.00. (This piece of property adjoined the property of the Synod to the southeast. It extended from Court St. to Bay St. with a frontage of about 450 feet on Court St. and 330 feet on Bay St.). The Recitation Hall was renovated during the summer of 1910, but very little was done on the director's residence.

Unfortunately the trustees of the Mich. Synod were persuaded to buy only a part of this piece of land, by one of its members, although the majority of the trustees and the director (who had no voice in the matter) were really in

favor of buying the whole piece. The piece that was bought in 1911 is marked "IV" on the plat following [see Appendix B] and was obtained for \$900.00. It may be remarked here that up to the year 1919, when the three synods (Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Michigan ) that formed the Ev. Luth. Joint Synod of Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Michigan and other States, were amalgamated as the Ev. Luth. Joint Synod of Wisconsin a. o. States, the Michigan Synod paid expenses connected with enlarging the property, repairing the buildings, and erecting new structures, while the Joint Synod paid all expenses of operating and conducting the school. This at times, especially in the earliest years, made things somewhat unpleasant for the Director, being sent from Pontius to Pilate for articles that had to be bought. Both, the treasurer of the Joint Synod and the treasurer of the Michigan Synod claiming that that amount was to be paid by the other party, e. g. school desks, the Michigan treasurer claiming that it was a part of operation, the Joint Synod treasurer insisting that desks were fixtures and as such part of the buildings. As a rule the bills were finally paid by the Joint Synod, its treasurer having a wider heart.

#### The "Progymnasium" Begun

Soon after the meeting in which the two Michigan bodies reunited, on June 1, 1910, the board of regents of the new school met for its first session at Watertown, Wis., in the home of its chairman, Dr. A. F. Ernst. Rev. Wm. Bodamer was made secretary. It was decided, if at all possible, to open the "Progymnasium" in fall of 1910 and at once issue a call for candidates to fill the position of director and professor in one person. The school for the first year was to consist of one class only, a Sexta or 9. Grade with the Director as sole professor.

The second session of the board was held Aug. 2, 1910 in the recitation hall of the old seminary at Saginaw. The following candidates had been nominated by the congregations and pastors of the Joint Synod: Rev. Wm. Bodamer, Toledo, O.; Rev. Herm. Gieschen, Wauwatosa, Wis.; Rev. Wm. Henkel, Morrison, Wis.; Rev. O. Hoenecke, Milwaukee, Wis.; Prof. John Meyer, New Ulm, Minn.; Prof. Wm. Notz, jun. Watertown, Wis.; Rev. E. Pankow, Caledonia, Wis.; Rev. Martin Sprengling, Chicago, Ill.; Rev. A. C. Stock, Norwalk, Wis.; Rev. F. Uplegger, Appleton, Wis.; and Rev. A. F. Zich, Sleepy Eye, Minn. After due deliberation Rev. Otto J. R. Hoenecke, pastor of Bethel Congregation, Milwaukee, Wis. was unanimously

chosen on the first ballot (which, however, did not mean much, since there was absolutely no scramble for the position, but rather the opposite) and the call was extended to him and personally delivered to him the very next day by Rev. K. Machmiller. Being prevailed upon by Dr. Ernst and other members of the Joint Synod, who averred that conditions in Michigan made it imperative that the "Progymnasium" at Saginaw be opened in fall of 1910 and that from 15 to 20 boys were waiting to enter the school, Rev. Hoenecke asked his congregation to release him, and with his family (double the size of the 1. year's actual enrollment) arrived in Saginaw Sept. 9, 1910.

As is recorded on the seal of the school, the "Progymnasium" was formally opened with a divine service on Sept. 13, 1910. This service was held in the S. E. room of the first floor of the old recitation hall. Although the room is only 20 x 20 ft. large, yet it was not even well filled for the occasion. Pres. F. Soll, the two Michigan members of the board of regents, a few pastors of Saginaw and vicinity, some members of St. Paul's, Saginaw, and the students that had enrolled (5) constituted the whole assembly, less than 25 in all. A small and not very encouraging beginning in all respects. Pres. F. Soll conducted the service and made the address and thereupon inducted Rev. O. Hoenecke into his office as director and professor of the institution. Director Hoenecke replied in a few words, assuming his duties in Jesus' name (I.N.J.).

Thus the new school was on its way, unsung, and with very little publicity. The building indeed had been renovated, but otherwise very little preparation had been made, yes the new school had not even been given a name. There were no regulations or any instructions whatsoever for the director or the students. The go-sign had been given and that was about all. Many were the thoughts, and in some circles also the wishes, that the new school would die in its infancy. Yes, little did I dream on that September 13. in 1910, that the old Seminary bell, that rang again after a pause of 3½ years, would keep on calling ever growing numbers of students to classes for 20, 25, 30, 35 and more years.

Classes were begun on Sept. 14, 1910 with the following members of the first Sexta: Edward Drews, Plymouth Mich., who was the first student to arrive; Walter Bodamer, Toledo, Ohio; Franz Gerginski, Lansing, Mich.; Karl Schmelzer, Sterling, Mich.; and Hilda Hoenecke, the director's daughter. Five scholars only, where the expectation had been 15 to 20. Yes, only four in fact; for since F. Gerginski left about 6 weeks after the opening of the school, the enrollment

for nearly the entire first school year (1910-1911) stood at 4.

Although, however, the beginning was so very small, everything so depressing, especially at certain times (e.g. in October 1910 during the severe smallpox epidemic of that fall in Saginaw, when three of the four scholars were unable to attend classes on account of sore arms etc., due to vaccination and Karl Schmelzer was the only one that could report for classes), although the time spent with those few scholars seemed to be wasted, yet by the Lord's grace that first school year was not spent in vain. Three of the four original scholars graduated in June 1914. Two of the boys in course of time entered the ministry and Hilda Hoenecke served 17 years as teacher in St. Paul's Luth. School, Saginaw.

In fall of 1910 the director's home was finally renovated and improved at the cost of \$1800.00.

Besides the grounds and the two buildings (Recitation Hall and Director's home) the new school inherited one thing more from the old Michigan Seminary, Mrs. Dora May, the housekeeper. Mrs. May had entered the services of the school in fall of 1896, remained without interruption till the closing of the "Seminar" in May 1907. Then, together with her father, "Grossvater Heidenreich," she was in charge of the grounds and buildings during the more than 3 years of the interregnum. And when the new school was opened she continued with her services as housekeeper and greatly helped the director to bring that first year to a successful ending by mothering the three boys and making her own rooms a home for the three, often very lonely lads of the first Sexta. In September 1921 we celebrated the 25. anniversary of her faithful service in the gym of the Dormitory. A large number of former students of the "Seminar" and of M.L.S. were present. Rev. O. Peters, Rev. J. Westendorf, also Rev. J. Roekle, Rev. F. Krauss, Rev. Theo. Hahn, Rev. J. Zink, and Rev. O. Frey were speakers at the banquet given in her honor. Mrs. May remained housekeeper till September 1929. But even after that she remained connected with the Seminary (which had become her home) as nurse and overseer of the sick room. She died in the Lord, whom she had served so long and so well, in September 1932 at the home of her son Arthur.

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It was at the third meeting of the Board of Regents of the "Progymnasium," held April 28, 1911 in St. Matthew's School, Milwaukee, Wis., that the young

school finally received a name. It was Dr. Ernst that proposed the name. He said that the word "Seminar" was so intimately connected with the history of the Mich. Synod, that whatever name would be chosen, the school would still be the "Seminar" in the hearts and minds of the synod's members. And so for historical and sentimental reasons the infant school was burdened with the name

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a name that quite often has brought about misconceptions in regard to the nature of the school, has been criticized, has induced districts of the Joint Synod to resolve that the name should be changed, and has been retained, because after all, the name according to Webster is well fitting for a coeducational school as M.L.S. has been since its opening date.

Since, according to all indications, the outlook for a much larger enrollment for the coming second year of the school seemed quite bright, it was resolved at that meeting in April 1911 to add a second class (Quinta = 10. Grade) in fall and issue the call for nominations for a second professor, who at the same time would be inspector of the dormitory. The call was sent to Rev. A. Lederer of Saline, Mich., but since he did not accept it and the time for the opening of the new school year was near, the board of regents asked the Joint Synod, assembled at Mankato, Aug. 16-22, 1911, to name candidates and by ballot elect a teacher for M.L.S. (This to my knowledge is something unique; for neither before that time, nor after has the Joint Synod made use of its right to select a man for any of our schools while in session). Two candidates were nominated by a committee: Rev. Adolf Sauer of St. Louis, Mich. and Rev. Herman Fleischfresser, Lake Geneva, Wis. Rev. Sauer was chosen and called. He accepted and entered upon his duties with the new school year.

Our expectations for a larger enrollment for the second year did not deceive us. Fourteen new pupils entered, bringing the enrollment for the year 1911-12 to eighteen (16 boys and 2 girls). The old Recitation Hall, which in the 1. year had seemed to afford unlimited space, now began to appear inadequate. The building, by the way, erected in 1887 according to the plans\* of Rev. Eberhardt, in the early years of the "Seminar" served as recitation hall, dormitory, refectory, and home of the director, who with his wife served as "Hauseltern."

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\*sketches - that Eberhardt had drawn the plans was generally accepted, but a rereading of Eberhardt's notebook in 1949 showed that this is a misunderstanding. Hollitzer & Hany were the architects.

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During the first three years it served many purposes, recitation hall, dormitory, refectory, quarters for the inspector, and home for the housekeeper and her family.

### THIRD YEAR

With the coming of the 3. year Cand. Oswald Hensel, who had just graduated from the Theological Seminary at Wauwatosa, Wis., entered as third member of the faculty. The enrollment increased to 26, of which 18 lived at the school. Every available space in the Recitation Hall had to be used. The front part of the upper hall was used as an emergency bedroom, yes one boy (Gustav Schlegel) had to sleep in the director's house for nearly the whole school year. In vain did Rev. J. Westendorf, the chairman of the board, who at all times showed great interest in the welfare of the Seminary, and the director again and again look over the building, ascend to its spacious attic to find a way in which more room could be made for dormitory purposes.

### DORMITORY

The expectation of the overcrowded condition of the old building, spoken of above, had induced the Michigan Synod at its session in Lansing (June 20-25, 1912) to consider the building of a boys' dormitory and of an inspector's residence, attached to the same. Sketches had been prepared jointly by Rev. J. Westendorf and the Director. The Synod found the sketches practical and voted \$22,000.00 to \$25,000.00 to be raised for the erection of the combined structure. The following building committee was chosen: Mr. Fred C. Trier, Saginaw, Pres. F. Krauss, Teacher Albert Zimmer, Saginaw, Mr. Wm. Raese, Saginaw, Rev. J. Westendorf, Rev. H. Heyn, and Dir. O. Hoenecke. Plans according to the sketches were prepared by Architect T. A. Cooper. The two parts of the building were built separately, the contract for the inspector's residence was given to A. Vollmer and that of the dormitory proper to Trier Bros. The cost of the former was \$5,120.00, that of the latter \$19,914.00.

The inspector's residence was begun in fall of 1912 and the dormitory in April 1913. The cornerstone of the building was laid on Pentecost Sunday, 5/11/13. It was a beautiful spring day, and quite a number of the members of the Synodical Conference congregations of Saginaw and vicinity gathered for the celebration. Rev. Otto Eckert of Milwaukee preached, as substitute for

Pres. F. Krauss, on Ezra 3,10.11. Rev. Wm. Kramer laid the corner stone. Other speakers were: Prof. A. Sauer, Prof. O. Hensel and the Director. The Seminary choir sang, under direction of Teacher A. Zimmer, "Komm Heil'ger Geist," and the St. Paul's choir: "Gloria" and "Jauchzet Gott in allen Landen."

On Sept. 14, 1913, only 3 years 1 day after the opening of the school, the Dormitory was dedicated. It was occupied soon thereafter. The program for the dedication is attached [see Appendix D].

#### FOURTH YEAR

The 4. year brought another step forward in the history of the school. Originally it had been the intention of the Joint Synod to limit the "Progymnasium" at Saginaw, according to German standards, to three classes: Sexta, Quinta, Quarta (9-11. grades), but at its session in Green Bay, Wis. (8/20-26/13) the Joint Synod was petitioned by the Board of Regents of M.L.S. to permit them to add a fourth class, a Tertia (12. grade) with the coming school year, in order that the school might conform to the 4. grades of the American high school. This addition, the Synod was assured, would not add to the cost of conducting the school, rather enable the Board to run it more economically, since the faculty had expressed its willingness to carry on without any additional help for some time.

In view of the rapid growth of the school and for the reasons given (see Joint Synod's minutes of 1913, page 61) the Synod acceded to the wishes of the Board and Faculty. Thus a Tertia, 12. grade, was introduced with the beginning of the school year 1913-14. And from that time on till the end of January 1920, when Rev. Ehrenfried Berg (formerly of North St. Paul, Minn.) entered the faculty of M.L.S. as 4. member, the four grades were served by only three teachers: Hoenecke, Sauer and O. Hensel, Karl Koehler and Walter Wentz in succession. [Hoenecke, Sauer and O. Hensel; Hoenecke, Sauer and Karl Koehler; Hoenecke, Sauer, and Walter Wentz.] This was made possible without any detriment to the scholars by combining classes in various branches (11. & 12. in Latin, 9. and 10. in Religion) and by alternating in other branches (one year zoology, the next year botany, one year Old Testament, the other New Testament) and combining the 9. & 10. grades in these branches.

The enrollment in 1913-14 reached 31 (30 boys and 1 girl). This marked the high point for some time. After this year the enrollment dropped, there

being only 23 scholars in 1916-17. Then it gradually rose again. In 1919-1920, the 10. school year, it rose to 35, passing the former high mark of 13-14. From that time on the growth was quite steady: 47-52-54-54-45-50-43-55-61 and 75 in 1929-1930, the 20. year of the school.

#### FIRST COMMENCEMENT

On June 16, 1914 the first class of M.L.S. graduated. It numbered 6 boys: Theodore Binhammer (now, 1945, Prof. at N. W. College, Watertown), Walter Bodamer (pastor Prairie du Chien, Wis.), Leo Kaesmeyer (who died 1933 while pastor of St. John's, Frankenmuth, Mich.), William Krichbaum (died while student at N. W. College), Gustav Schlegel (died 1945 while pastor at Mobridge, S. Dakota), Karl Schmelzer (pastor at Riga, Mich.), and one girl, Hilda Hoenecke (now Mrs. Gilbert Pfeiffer, Saginaw, Mich., after teaching till 1932). The Commencement Exercises were held in the gym of the Dormitory (which in the days before basketball came into vogue seemed quite ample and now (1945) has been converted into studies, bedrooms, an emergency classroom and a recreation room). This was the only time that the gym was used for this purpose. They were held in St. Paul's school, auditorium of Holy Cross school, and of late in St. Paul's church. Dir. Hoenecke delivered the address. All members of the class participated in the exercises: Theo. Binhammer, Latin speech; Gustav Schmelzer [Schlegel], German oration; Wm. Krichbaum, English address; Leo Kaesmeyer recited an English poem and Karl Schmelzer a German poem; Walter Bodamer and Hilda Hoenecke rendered several selections and a duet on the piano. Rev. John Westendorf spoke the prayer and the benediction.

#### CHANGES IN THE FACULTY 1910-1935

In 1916 the board of regents granted Prof. Hensel a leave of absence for a year on account of ill health. Rev. Karl Koehler, who at the time was without a charge, acted as his substitute. At the expiration, however, of that year Prof. Hensel resigned and Rev. Walter Wente, who was doing post graduate work at the U. of Chicago, was called. He began his duties with the beginning of the year 1917-18. He was a very congenial man. Beside his duties as professor he aided in the Dormitory, coached the boys in their sports, gathered and directed an orchestra, which at one time consisted of 24 members. He left in March 1922, having accepted a call to St. John's College, Winfield, Kansas,

where he is still a member of the faculty of that school. After Prof. Wentze's departure, Gerald Hoenecke, who was then tutor, took over the orchestra [sic] and the greater number of his recitations.

As long as there were only three instructors (i. e. to Feb. 1920), the work was divided as follows:

Dir. Hoenecke: Latin, Greek, Mathematics  
 Prof. Sauer (inspector and librarian): English, Sciences, and Latin  
 in 9. and 10. grades  
 Prof. Wentze (secretary, director of music and athletics): German and  
 History

Each professor had a class in Religion.

In 1919-20 the faculty was increased by a fourth professor. Prof. E. Berg, who has been mentioned above, began his work with the 2. semester of that year. He immediately took over all the Mathematics and one half of the English work; after the departure of Prof. Wentze (1922) he became secretary, and was made Director of Athletics by the board of regents. He acted as coach till September 1931. Various tutors (especially Waldemar Zink) assisted him in coaching. In fall 1931 Tutor Roland Hoenecke took charge of all athletics as coach, while Prof. Berg remained athletic director. From that time on one of the tutors has been coach.

Rev. Winfred Schaller, Firth, Neb., succeeded Prof. Wentze. He assumed the work in German, History, and Music. The orchestra died, but the choir became strong. During the years before the depression of 1931 Prof. Schaller made annual tours with the chorus, giving concerts in nearly all churches of our synodical district and a number of churches of the Mo. Synod in Michigan.

In 1931 Prof. Sauer asked the board to relieve him, on account of ill health, from his duties as inspector, a position which he had faithfully filled for 20 years. The board granted his wish and asked the Joint Synod to give us a 5. professor whose chief duty was to be supervising the Dormitory. The need of a 5. member of the faculty had long been felt on account of the heavy load that all members of the faculty were carrying.

The Synod, however, on account of its poor financial condition, hesitated to grant us a full time professor. In consequence Dir. Hoenecke was asked to assume the responsibility for the Dormitory temporarily (this, by the way, lasted for full ten years), while a second tutor was to be added to relieve him of much of the routine of the inspection.

TUTORS

The tutor system was begun in 1921. During the years 1921-1931 the tutors stayed for two years each. All the tutors were graduates of the Theol. Seminary. The following tutors had charge of the Dormitory till 1925:

Gerald Hoenecke	1921-23	
Otto Eckert	1923-25	
Dudley Rohda	1925-27	
Waldemar Weingerber	1927-29	
Waldemar Zink	1929-31	Assistant coach
Roland Hoenecke	1931-34	Coach
Harold Zink	1931-32	Second tutor
Adelbert Voges	1932-35	Asst. coach, coach

Beside their duties as assistants in the Dormitory the tutors were of great help to the faculty, assuming from 12 to 18 recitations per week. As far as M.L.S. is concerned the tutor system functioned well.

BUILDINGS AND DWELLINGS

In 1920 a house was built for Prof. Berg next to the Director's residence. A. Vollmer drew the plans and likewise erected the house. Cost \$9,000.00.

In 1924 a house was built next to Prof. Berg's for Prof. Schaller. Plans were drawn by Prof. Schaller in connection with Mr. C. Schobert. It was built by Mr. M. Neuchterlein. Cost \$7,800.00.

In 1923 the Joint Synod granted us \$30,000.00 for a refectory. The Refectory was begun in August 1924. Plans were drawn by Cowels and Mutscheller, Architects, according to sketches furnished by Director Hoenecke. Raeske & Wobig were the contractors. They did the mason work, but sublet the other work to other men, some of whom (the firm that did the carpenter work) caused much trouble. The institution would have fared much better in the final end, if Mr. Fred Trier, who was a member of the Board of Regents, had taken the contract as the Board wished it. On account of a building slump in Saginaw in fall of 1924 the cost of the building was far below the sum allowed by Joint Synod (\$30,000.00), \$23,500.00 in all.

The Refectory was dedicated Jan. 25, 1925, although the building had already been occupied on Jan. 14. Rev. O. Frey, Saginaw, had the liturgical part of the service; Rev. K. Rutzen, Bay City, delivered the sermon. The choir sang under the direction of Prof. Schaller.

In 1925 the Recitation Hall was remodeled at a cost of cir. \$8,000.00.

In 1930 the old barn was torn down and a double garage etc. built in the rear of the Refectory at the cost of only \$675.00. This low cost was due to the fact that nearly all the labor was done gratis by the following: Tutor W. Zink, Rev. O. Frey, Rev. J. Zink, Mr. O. Pohlmann, Prof. Sauer, Prof. Berg, and the Director. Other garages were built before that time. The Synod furnished the materials and the professors (Hoenecke, Berg, Sauer, Schaller) did the work with help of friends.

#### LAND ADDITIONS

In 1920 about an acre of land, east of the director's residence, was bought from Mr. Frederich at \$2,000.00. In 1921 a piece of about 1½ acres, S.E. of this, was bought from the Close Estate at \$2,500.00. This was, by the way, a part of the land offered to the Mich. Synod in 1911 for \$2,000.00. The Bay St. frontage of this piece, likewise included in 1911 in the \$2,000.00 offer, could not be secured, although \$5,000.00 was offered for it.

In 1930 a piece of land on Hardin St. that we had desired for a long time, was finally sold to us by Mr. & Mrs. Piazek for \$3,500.00. The grounds with this purchase contain about 9+ acres.

The grounds were improved yearly since 1910--and that with little or no cost to the synods. Shrubs etc. were donated by the Ilgenfritz Nursery, through Mr. H. Krohn, and by Mr. Albert Boehringer, Bay City. The work was done by the professors and tutors with the aid of the students.

#### ATHLETICS AND SPORTS

In the earliest years baseball was the main sport. The school had a baseball team ever since the fall of 1911.

Football to date (1945) has not been permitted for various reasons. However, of late years, intermural games have been played in touch football.

Basketball soon became the main sport of the boys. The Seminary team repeated [sic] won the District Tournament at Saginaw, the Regional at Flint, Lapeer, etc. and the first game of the State Tournament. See Prof. Schultz's history of sports at M.L.S. [Appendix F].

For many years in succession Commencement Day was also the annual field day with competition in tennis, horseshoe, running etc. etc. and a baseball game; as a rule Alumni played against the M.L.S. team.

### ANNIVERSARY

June 9. and 10. the Silver Jubilee of Mich. Luth. Seminary was celebrated with a divine service, at which The Rev. Pres. John Brenner of Milwaukee and Rev. F. Krauss of Lansing preached, the latter directing his remarks mainly to Dir. Hoenecke, who with the school was celebrating his 25. anniversary as director of the school. After the commencement exercises a banquet was held in his honor in the basement of the church. During the closing days of the school year the students under the direction of Tutor A. Voges presented with remarkable success The Merchant of Venice. It was so well received that it had to be given again a few days later for the pastoral conference of the Mich. District, which had assembled to participate in the celebration of the 25. anniversary of the "Seminary."

### JANITORS AND OTHER HELP

There was no janitor for the first three years. The work was done by the Director, his sons, and the students of the school. At the time when the Dormitory was built Albert Albrecht was engaged as janitor and was after a few years followed by Daniel Kretschmann. In August 1928 Otto Pohlmann took his place and in 1929 his wife succeeded Mrs. May as housekeeper. The Pohlmanns resigned in October 1932 and their position was taken over by Henry Zessin and his wife Gertrude, nie Hoenecke.

### MICH. LUTH. SEMINARY CLUB

The M.L.S. Club was organized in 1925. All graduates of M.L.S. and the "Seminar," former students, and friends of the school are eligible for membership. The club meets at the time of graduation.

First officers: Rev. Karl Krauss, pres., Rev. B. Westendorf, v. pres., Miss Hilda Hoenecke, treas. [sic! perhaps secretary], Roy Fischer, Plymouth, Mich., treas.

The club has no fixed dues; all contributions are in the nature of free-will offerings. These moneys are used mainly in the interest of sports, bleachers for the campus being one of the larger items bought by the M.L.S. Club.

CHRONICLE

1910-1911 - Enrollment (5): 4 boys, 1 girl  
O.J.R. Hoenecke

1911-1912 - Enrollment (18): 9. grade 10, 9 boys 1 girl  
10. grade 8, 7 boys 1 girl  
Prof. A. Sauer entered the faculty.  
Teacher Ch. Schulz, teacher of music.

1912-1913 - Enrollment (26): 11. grade 10, 8 boys 2 girls  
10. " 9, 9 "  
9. " 7, 7 "  
Prof. Oswald Hensel entered the faculty.  
Teacher Albert Zimmer, teacher of music.

1913-1914 - Enrollment (31): 12. grade (Tertia) 8, 7 boys 1 girl  
11. " (Quarta) 7, 7 "  
10. " (Quinta) 10, 10 "  
9. " (Sexta) 6, 6 "

During the early years the classes were designated as Tertia, Quarta, Quinta, and Sexta respectively.  
Graduation June 16, 1914 [see page 9].

1914-1915 - Enrollment (29): 12. grade 4, 4 boys - girl  
11. " 10, 10 "  
10. " 6, 5 " 1 "  
9. " 8, 7 " 1 "

1 special student.

Commencement exercises June 20, 1915. Graduates: Gerald Hoenecke (Latin oration), Karl Krauss (English oration), Arthur Wacker (German speech), Bernhard Westendorf (German declamation and piano solo). The exercises took place in St. Paul's school. Rev. J. Westendorf and Dir. Hoenecke delivered addresses. Note: All 4 graduates of this class entered N.W. College and the Theol. Seminary at Wauwatosa together and are now pastors of the Joint Synod. All four were present at the 25. anniversary of their graduation and delivered speeches at the commencement exercises in 1940.

1915-1916 - Enrollment (26): 12. grade 8, 8 boys - girl  
11. " 3, 2 " 1 "  
10. " 8, 7 " 1 "  
9. " 7, 7 "

Commencement exercises June 19, 1916 at St. Paul's school. Graduates: I. Brackebusch (German speech), Roy Fischer, Elmer Friebe, William Hartwig, Theodore Sieloff, Herbert Stock, Karl Strasen, Arthur Walhier (English speech). A quartet consisting of Hartwig, Brackebusch, Strasen, and Walhier sang several numbers. English and German declamations by Fischer, Friebe, Sieloff, and Stock. Rev. John Strasen of Plymouth, Mich. and Dir. Hoenecke delivered addresses.



1916-1917 - Enrollment (23): 12. grade 3, 3 boys - girl  
 11. " 7, 6 " 1 "  
 10. " 6, 6 "  
 9. " 7, 7 "

Rev. Karl Koehler substitute for Prof. O. Hensel.  
 Commencement exercises June 18, 1917 at St. Paul's school. Graduates: Otto Eckert, Erich LaHaine, and William Richert. Each graduate delivered an oration. Address by Dir. Hoenecke.

1917-1918 - Enrollment (25): 12. grade 5, 4 boys 1 girl  
 11. " 6, 6 "  
 10. " 6, 5 " 1 "  
 9. " 8, 8 "

Prof. Walter Wente entered the faculty in place of Prof. O. Hensel. Graduation exercises at St. Paul's school. Graduates: Edwin Boehringer, Herman Cares, Harold Heyn, Ethel Hoenecke, Walter Schinnerer. Orations: German by W. Schinnerer, English by E. Boehringer, German and English declamations by the others. Rev. K. Rutzen, Bay City, Mich. delivered the address.

1918-1919 - Enrollment (29): 12. grade 4, 4 boys  
 11. " 5, 5 "  
 10. " 8, 8 "  
 9. " 12, 11 " 1 girl

Graduation exercises at St. Paul's school. Graduates: William Haase (declamation), Gerhard Hosbach (German declamation), Albert Wietzke (English speech). Piano music by A. Wietzke and Gerhard Binhammer. Address by Rev. F. Krauss of Lansing, Mich.

1919-1920 - Enrollment (35): 12. grade 5, 5 boys  
 11. " 7, 7 "  
 10. " 8, 7 " 1 girl  
 9. " 15, 13 " 2 girls

Prof. E. Berg entered the faculty as fourth member in 1920. Commencement exercises June 16. at St. Paul's school. Graduates: Edgar Hoenecke (English speech), Otto Riedel (German speech), Erich Wacker (declamation). Songs by the M.L.S. quartet. Address: Dir. O. Hoenecke.

1920-1921 - Enrollment (47): 12. grade 7, 7 boys  
 11. " 8, 7 " 1 girl  
 10. " 15, 12 " 3 girls  
 9. " 17, 12 " 5 "

Commencement exercises at St. Paul's school. Graduates: Reinhold Bekemeier, Albert Eggert, Linwood Goetz (Latin speech), Waldemar Rupp, Herbert Stevens, John Wahl (English speech), and Winfred Westendorf (German speech). Songs by M.L.S. quartet, directed by Prof. Wente. Address: Dir. Hoenecke.

1921-1922 - Enrollment (52): 12. grade 9, 8 boys 1 girl  
 11. " 10, 9 " 1 "  
 10. " 19, 15 " 4 girls  
 9. " 14, 9 " 5 "

Gerald Hoenecke, first tutor. Prof. Wente leaves. Commencement Day June 15, 1922. Exercises at St. Paul's school. Graduates: Adolf Fischer, Thekla Hoenecke, Richard Matuschek, Arthur Schuth, William Seelbinder, Clarence Stiem, William Stiem, Guenther Waide-lich, Waldemar Zink. Declamations by A. Fischer and W. Zink, songs by Thekla Hoenecke, orchester music by M.L.S. orchester under direction of Tutor G. Hoenecke. Address by Rev. Theo. Halm of Owosso, Mich.

1922-1923 - Enrollment (54):

12. grade	10,	10	boys	
11. "	17,	14	"	3 girls
10. "	10,	7	"	3 "
9. "	17,	10	"	7 "

Prof. W. Schaller enters the faculty as successor to Prof. Wente with the beginning of the school year. Commencement exercises at St. Paul's school. Graduates: Waldemar Jeschke, Arthur Matuschek, Ernest Mehnert, Walter Muehlenbeck, Elmer Polzin, Albert Richert, Erhard Rupp, Frederic Schroeder, Oscar Stephani, Harold Zink. Erhard Rupp delivered an English oration, Waldemar Jeschke a German speech, and Elmer Polzin an English declamation. Piano solo by Oscar Stephani. Singing by the M.L.S. chorus under direction of Prof. Schaller and likewise songs by the graduating class. Rev. L. Linn of Holy Cross, Saginaw, delivered the address. Commencement day June 22, 1923.

1923-1924 - Enrollment (54):

12. grade	16,	13	boys	3 girls
11. "	9,	7	"	2 "
10. "	17,	10	"	7 "
9. "	12,	11	"	1 girl

Otto Eckert begins work as tutor. Graduation day June 17, 1924. Place: St. Paul's school. Graduates: Reinhard Bauer, Walter Brenner, Carl Clabuesch, Gerhard Clabuesch, Hilmar Eckert, Doris Gauss, Gertrude Grossmann, Herbert Hauch, Roland Hoenecke, Emil Kasischke, Henry Pussehl, Sieghard Westendorf, Ila Wiermann. Rev. John Gauss, Jenera, Ohio, delivered the address; G. Grossmann, Emil Kasischke, and Hilmar Eckert recited poems; Doris Gauss played a violin solo; and the Seminary chorus and an octet sang several selections. The attendance at the exercises was fine. During the last month of the 1. term of 1923-24 Rev. Louis Mielke of Swan Creek, Mich. served as substitute for Prof. Schaller on account of the illness of his wife.

1924-1925 - Enrollment (45):

12. grade	11,	8	boys	3 girls
11. "	12,	9	"	3 "
10. "	13,	12	"	1 "
9. "	7,	7	"	- "

2 special students.

Commencement day June 19, 1925. Place: St. Paul's school. Main speaker: Rev. A. Westendorf of St. Paul's, Saginaw. Graduates: Martin Brohn, Esther Buchholz, Wilbur Goetz, Hulda Herzog, Auguste Kienitz, Conrad Maul, Carl Mueller, Lauren Rauch, Harry Rausch, Rudolf Schroepfel, Carl Zollweg. Speeches and declamations by

Wilbur Goetz, Carl Mueller, Conrad Maul, and Esther Buchholz.  
Songs by M.L.S. chorus, Prof. Schaller directing.

1925-1926 - Enrollment (50): 12. grade 11, 9 boys 2 girls  
11. " 9, 9 " "  
10. " 12, 8 " 4 "  
9. " 18, 13 " 5 "  
39 " 11 "

Dudley Rohda tutor. Commencement exercises auditorium of Holy Cross school. Rev. Oscar Peters of Wayne, Mich. delivered the address. Graduates: Albert Albrecht, Loretta Benz, Harold Eckert, Edith Hoenecke, Edmund Leyrer, Walter Nessler, Gerhard Peters, Reinhold Roth, William Steih, Ewald Stuempfig, George Winterstein. Speeches by Harold Eckert, Ewald Stuempfig, George Winterstein; piano solo by Gerhard Peters, songs by M.L.S. chorus. Date: 6/18/26.

1926-1927 - Enrollment (43): 12. grade 5, 5 boys  
11. " 11, 7 " 4 girls  
10. " 11, 6 " 5 "  
9. " 16, 14 " 2 "  
32 " 11 "

Commencement exercises June 17, 1927 at Holy Cross auditorium. Speaker of the evening: Rev. Aug. Bernthal of Trinity Luth., Saginaw, Mich. Graduates: Harold Bernthal, Erwin Froehlich (Fralich), Paul Heyn, John Loeffler, Winfried Waidelich. Each of the graduates declaimed. Violin solo by Harold Bernthal, piano solo by John Loeffler. Songs by M.L.S. Chorus.

1927-1928 - Enrollment (55): 12. grade 8, 6 boys 2 girls  
11. " 8, 5 " 3 "  
10. " 14, 11 " 3 "  
9. " 25, 18 " 7 "  
40 " 15 "

Tutor: Waldemar Weingerber. Graduation exercises June 19, 1928 at Bethlehem Luth. School. Rev. George Luetke, Toledo, Ohio, delivered the address. Graduates: Dorothea Dux, Thelma Hansen, Arthur Harke, Paul Kasch, Alfred Peters, Theodore Peters, Leo Sommerfeldt, Adam Topel. English oration by Alfred Peters, German speech by Arthur Harke, songs by chorus.

1928-1929 - Enrollment (61): 12. grade 8, 5 boys 3 girls  
11. " 11, 9 " 2 "  
10. " 24, 17 " 7 "  
9. " 18, 15 " 3 "  
46 " 15 "

Commencement exercises at Holy Cross auditorium, June 19, 1929, a very hot day, and the main speaker, Rev. A. Kolch, Highland Park, Mich., spoke over an hour. Graduates: William Becker, Reay Brelinski, Herbert Buch, Margareta Kolch, Adolph Krasinsky, Bertram Schulz, Elizabeth Von Stein, Dorothea Zeile. Valedictorian: Reay Brelinski; German oration by Herbert Buch; Dorothea Zeile declaimed

Gray's Elegy on a C.C.; Margareta Kolch and Elizabeth Von Stein rendered piano solos; songs by the M.L.S. Chorus.

1929-1930 - Enrollment (75):

12. grade	13,	10	boys	3	girls
11. "	17,	10	"	7	"
10. "	20,	17	"	3	"
9. "	25,	12	"	13	"
		49	"	26	"

Waldemar Zink tutor and assistant coach. Graduation day June 18, 1930. Rained all day and field events had to be cancelled. Exercises at Holy Cross auditorium. Speaker of the evening: Rev. A. Hueschen of Owosso, Mich. Graduates: Irene Benz, Helen Decher, Margaret Eckert, Arthur Kirsch, Ralph Klockziem, Carl Nietzsche, Arthur Pussehl, Adolf Scheck, Laurin Shook, Roland Stuempfig, Carl Tonn, Carl Wacker, Everett Zimpelmann. Valedictorian: Ralph Klockziem; English oration by Carl Nietzsche; German speech by Carl Wacker; piano solo by Margaret Eckert. Songs as usual by the M.L.S. Chorus and "Jesus, Priceless Treasure" by chorus and alumni. 1929-30 was the first year in which our basketball team won the District and Regional Tournament and took part in the State Tournament at Detroit. They won the first game handily, but were defeated in the semifinals by Rock, Mich. See picture of participants in tournament at Detroit.

1930-1931 - Enrollment (80):

12. grade	17,	10	boys	7	girls
11. "	16,	14	"	2	"
10. "	22,	9	"	13	"
9. "	25,	12	"	13	"
		45	"	35	"

Teacher Claus Gieschen assisted in teaching from Nov. 1930 to the end of the school year. He relieved Prof. Sauer who was ill. The graduation took place at Holy Cross school June 17, 1931. Graduates: William Arras, Henry Boldebeck, Charlotte Frey, Ruth Groth, Lawrence Hannewald, Catherine Hansen, Alberta Heyse, Clarence Hutfilz, Paul Kluck, Vera Link, Walter Metzger, Fred Oerther, Mildred Polzin, Waldemar Roekle, Thusnelda Salvner, Erwin Yoas, Theodore Zeile. Valedictorian: Theo. Zeile; English oration by Charlotte Frey; German oration by Thusnelda Salvner; English declamation by Lawrence Hannewald. Songs by the M.L.S. Chorus. Speaker of the evening: Rev. Oscar Frey of St. John's Luth., Saginaw, Mich. Prof. Sauer resigned as inspector. Joint Synod to be asked for a 5. man whose main duty it is to supervise the Dormitory.

1931-1932 - Enrollment (81):

12. grade	16,	13	boys	3	girls
11. "	20,	8	"	12	"
10. "	21,	10	"	11	"
9. "	24,	20	"	4	"
		51	"	30	"

Joint Synod on account of the financial condition due to the depression did not grant a 5. member for the faculty, but asked Dir. Hoenecke to assume the responsibility for the Dormitory with the help of two tutors. These were Roland Hoenecke, who assumed the duties as coach, and Harold Zink.

June 15, 1932 was field day. At the exercises, held at Holy Cross school, Rev. John Roekle of Allegan, Mich. delivered the address. There were 15 graduates (for names see the catalog) [on file at M.L.S.], 13 boys and 3 girls. Ruth Rehmus was valedictorian; Howard Russow delivered an English and William Krutzina a German oration. Fred Wilkins played a piano solo and the M.L.S. Chorus rendered several songs.

1932-1933 - Enrollment (63):

12. grade	18,	8 boys	10 girls
11. "	19,	9 "	10 "
10. "	17,	13 "	4 "
9. "	9,	6 "	3 "
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		36 "	27 "

The depression and especially the cry of overproduction raised in our circles because not all candidates of the Theological Seminary received a call at once, made itself felt, as is seen, in our enrollment. Especially the number of boys from our own district, who intended to prepare for work in the Church, fell down to a minimum.

Adalbert Voges succeeded Tutor H. Zink and served as assistant coach. June 15. was field day. At the graduation at Holy Cross school Rev. Edgar Hoenecke of Plymouth, Mich. (the first graduate of M.L.S. to speak at a commencement exercise) was the main speaker. There were 18 graduates, 8 boys and 10 girls (the first time that girls outnumbered the boys in the graduating class). Theo. Sauer was valedictorian; Alma Bender delivered an English and Kurt Voss a German speech. Lois Richert and Dorothy Trommer played a piano duet. Songs by the M.L.S. Chorus.

1933-1934 - Enrollment (56):

12. grade	20,	9 boys	11 girls
11. "	13,	10 "	3 "
10. "	8,	7 "	1 "
9. "	15,	9 "	6 "
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		35 "	21 "

The Dormitory dropped greatly, being at a time only 13. The tutors of the year were Roland Hoenecke, coach, and Adalbert Voges, assistant coach. Sport events of the year: The basketball team again reached the semifinals of the State Tournament and the baseball team won the pennant in the C & D Class League.

Commencement exercises were held at Holy Cross school June 13, 1934 and the pastor of the congregation, Rev. Emil Voss, delivered the address. There were 20 graduates, 9 boys and 11 girls. Leola Finger was valedictorian; Raymond Frey had an English and Hilbert Schaller a German oration. The M.L.S. Chorus, assisted in one song by alumni, rendered several songs.

<u>1934-1935</u> - Enrollment (58):	12. grade	13,	10 boys	3 girls
	11. "	9,	7 "	2 "
	10. "	14,	8 "	6 "
	9. "	21,	14 "	7 "
	Special student--1,	1	"	
			40 "	18 "

Tutors of the year Erwin Froelich, graduate of M.L.S., but while at M.L.S. spelled his name Fralich, coach, A. Voges asst. coach. The 25. anniversary of the school was celebrated June 9. and 10., 1935 [see page 13].

The commencement exercises were held Monday, June 10. at St. Paul's church (from this year on the graduation has taken place at St. Paul's church to date - Christmas 1945). The baccalaureate sermon was delivered by Rev. Gustav Schmelzer of Sebawaing, Mich. There were 13 graduates, 10 boys and 3 girls. Ottomar Bickel was the valedictorian; an English address was delivered by James Vogt, and a German by Gerhard Schmelzer. Charlotte Hammerschmidt accompanied by Irma Salvner rendered a vocal solo. The M.L.S. Chorus, accompanied by many alumni, sang: "Jesus, Priceless Treasure." After the exercises banquet in honor of Dir. Hoenecke.

RESUME OF 1910-1935: During the first 25 years 410 students, 299 boys and 111 girls enrolled at Michigan Lutheran Seminary. Of these, including the class of 1935, 211 (159 boys and 52 girls) graduated. 67 graduates and other scholars (58 boys and 9 girls) entered into the service of the Church as pastors and teachers in Christian day schools. At the end of the school year 1934-35 there were 28 of our scholars, graduates and a few others, at colleges and seminaries of our Synod and those of the Missouri Synod; for from the 2. school year on boys, and later also girls, of the Mo. Synod attended our school. In the 25 years the enrollment from congregations of the Mo. Synod amounted to about one fourth of the total enrollment for these 25 years.

<u>1935-1936</u> - Enrollment (66):	12. grade	9,	7 boys	2 girls
	11. "	14,	8 "	6 "
	10. "	20,	15 "	5 "
	9. "	23,	13 "	10 "
			43 "	23 "

Dormitory enrollment 21.

Armin Schultz entered as second tutor and assistant coach to Tutor E. Froelich. After a quite successful season the basketball team was eliminated in the first game of the District Tournament. The baseball team was second in the C. D. League.

The graduation exercises took place June 16, 1936. There were 9 graduates, 7 boys and 2 girls. Rev. Aug. Kehrberg, Frankenmuth, Mich. was the speaker. Helene Eberts was valedictorian; an English speech was delivered by Willard Kehrberg and a German by Ralph Schaller. Ruth Schmelzer sang a solo, and the M.L.S. Chorus sang several hymns.

Attention was called in his closing remarks by Dir. Hoenecke that Prof. Adolf Sauer had with the end of 1935-36 rounded out 25 years

of faithful service at the school as teacher of English and Sciences. And this event was celebrated by the school and its alumni after the exercises with a banquet in honor of Prof. Sauer in the basement of the church.

1936-1937 - Enrollment (65):

12. grade	14,	8	boys	6	girls
11. "	17,	13	"	4	"
10. "	18,	11	"	7	"
9. "	16,	11	"	5	"
		43	"	22	"

Dormitory enrollment 24.

Same tutors as in 1935-36. The year passed without any noteworthy events.

Commencement exercises were held June 15, 1937. Rev. Dudley Rohda of Flint, Mich. delivered the address. Gerhard Kirschke had a German speech, Norman Berg an English address, and Hans Voss was valedictorian. An octet and a quartet, consisting of members of the graduating class, sang several songs. The M.L.S. Chorus also rendered hymns.

1937-1938 - Enrollment (74):

12. grade	17,	13	boys	4	girls
11. "	20,	12	"	8	"
10. "	15,	11	"	4	"
9. "	22,	14	"	8	"
		50	"	24	"

Dormitory enrollment 30. Reginald Siegler succeeded Tutor E. Froelich and A. Schultz became head coach. The basketball team advanced to the finals of the State Tournament, held at Grand Rapids, Mich. No other team before or after that year (up to Christmas 1945) has advanced so far.

Prof. E. Berg accepted a call to N.W. College at Watertown as inspector. We regretted it greatly that he felt himself obliged to accept the call. To show him their appreciation and love the school and the alumni held a banquet in his honor at the Bancroft Hotel at the end of the school year.

Calls were sent to Rev. Werner Franzmann of Coloma, Mich., Rev. Roland Hoenecke of Tacoma, Wash., and Prof. Gerold Martin of Luth. High at Milwaukee, but all declined.

June 14, 1938 was field day. At the commencement exercises Rev. A. Maas, R.R., Ann Arbor, Mich. delivered the address. There were 17 graduates, 13 boys and 4 girls. Walter Sauer recited a German essay, Herbert Pickelmann reviewed the four years spent at M.L.S., and Morton Schroeder was valedictorian. An octet under the direction of Tutor Siegler sang several hymns, likewise the M.L.S. Chorus.

1938-1939 - Enrollment (71):

12. grade	19,	12	boys	7	girls
11. "	16,	10	"	6	"
10. "	18,	11	"	7	"
9. "	18,	12	"	6	"
		45	"	26	"

Armin Schultz, who had been with us as tutor for 3 years, was induced to accept the call as professor, in place of Prof. E. Berg, and was inducted into his office at the beginning of the school year. Conrad Frey became tutor with R. Siegler.

June 13, 1939 was commencement day. There were 19 graduates, 12 boys, 7 girls. Rev. F. Bickel of Amilith (Bay Co.), Mich. delivered the address. The valedictory was spoken by Eleonore Kirschke, Ralph Claus delivered an English oration and Clifford Kipfmiller recited a German poem. Margaret Geyer played several numbers on the piano, a quartet (E. Bickel, M. Knoll, L. Wohlfeil, and M. Geyer) sang "Now Thank We All Our God," the M.L.S. Chorus sang "O Jesulein Suess" and in connection with alumni as usual "Jesus, Priceless Treasure."

<u>1939-1940</u> - Enrollment (71):	12. grade	16,	10 boys	6 girls
	11. "	17,	9 "	8 "
	10. "	20,	12 "	8 "
	9. "	18,	16 "	2 "
			47 "	24 "

The tutors for the year were Conrad Frey, coach, and Gilbert Sydow, second tutor.

The commencement exercises were held on June 7, 1940. The four graduates of 1915 were the speakers of the evening: Rev. Gerald Hoenecke, Cudahy, Wis., Rev. Karl Krauss, Lansing, Mich., Rev. Arthur Wacker, Scio, Mich., and Rev. Bernhard Westendorf, Flint, Mich. "What the M.L.S. meant and means to our district," was the theme of Rev. K. Krauss; Rev. B. Westendorf spoke on the past and present of our school; Rev. G. Hoenecke's theme was "The debt the class of 1915 owes to the school where they began their preparation for the ministry of the Word;" "Be faithful, that is the chief lesson learned at our school," was the subject of Rev. A. Wacker's address to the graduating class. There were 16 graduates, 10 boys, 6 girls. Donald Ortner was valedictorian, Harold Heinlein delivered an English address. Marian Bremer gave a piano selection. An octet, consisting of members of the class, and the M.L.S. Chorus sang a number of hymns. Alumni again assisting in "Jesus, P.T."

<u>1940-1941</u> - Enrollment (60*):	12. grade	16,	8 boys	8 girls
	11. "	14,	9 "	5 "
	10. "	15,	12 "	3 "
	9. "	15,	11 "	4 "
			40 "	20 "

\* There were 62 scholars enrolled at the beginning of the year, but two boys were not listed in the catalog. On request of the faculty they were taken home by their parents early in the year.

There were two new tutors this year, George Frey, coach, and Armin Schuetze, asst. coach.

June 11, 1941 was field day; the day was cool and cloudy, but in spite of this quite a number of former students and friends of the school gathered on our grounds. At the exercises in the evening Rev. Hugo Hoenecke, Sturgis, Mich. was the main speaker. There



were 16 graduates, 8 boys and 8 girls. The valedictory was spoken by Jean Francis. Herman Bickel had a German and John Westendorf an English oration. The Seminary Chorus sang "Ich steh an diener Krippen hier" and with the assistance of alumni "Jesus Priceless Treasure."

The M.L.S. Club had its meeting after the exercises and the following officers were chosen: Rev. R. Hoenecke, pres., Rev. Th. Sauer, v. pres., Miss Dorothy Finger, sec., and Miss R. Schaller, treas. The basketball team had a very successful season and hopes were high that the team might win the State Championship, but sickness and very stiff opposition in the District tournament caused the team to lose the final game.

1941-1942 - Enrollment (56):

12. grade	13,	9	boys	4	girls
11. "	13,	10	"	3	"
10. "	14,	9	"	5	"
9. "	16,	10	"	6	"
		38	"	18	"

The enrollment at the beginning of the year was 56, but at its end only 53. The tutors for the year were George Frey and Ernst Wendland. This was the last year of the arrangement made after the resignation of Prof. Sauer as inspector. The Joint Synod finally in 1941 allowed us a fifth professor, who was chosen and accepted the call during the school year, and who was to supervise the Dormitory with the aid of one tutor as before the temporary arrangement of 1931.

The basketball team had a very fine season, losing only one game. They won the District and Regional Tournaments without great difficulty, but were eliminated in the semifinals of the State Tournament at Lansing.

On the evening before commencement day the M.L.S. Club held a banquet which was attended by more than 160 persons, more than 80 of these graduates of the school. At this banquet much enthusiasm was displayed to further the attendance at M.L.S. "One hundred students for M.L.S. in 1942-43," was the slogan.

At the commencement exercises of 1942, June 8, Rev. Herman Mayer of Bay City, Mich. delivered the address. The graduating class numbered 13, 8 boys and 5 girls. The English oration was given by James Mayer, the German by Walter Firchau and Ruth Wilch had gained the honor of being valedictorian. The M.L.S. Chorus rendered several chorales among which "Jesus, Priceless Treasure," sung with the aid of alumni, was the outstanding.

1942-1943 - Enrollment (64):

12. grade	13,	10	boys	3	girls
11. "	10,	6	"	4	"
10. "	13,	9	"	4	"
9. "	27,	18	"	9	"
Special student--1,		1	"		
		44	"	20	"

Although the enrollment for 1942-43 was far from the 100 that enthusiastic supporters of the school had hoped for, yet the new enrollment for the year was the largest new enrollment in the history of

the school. At the beginning of the school year the 9. grade numbered 24, but within a few weeks three more scholars entered this class, bringing the total to 27, the largest "Sexta" the school ever had.

At the opening of the school year Rev. Werner Franzmann of Coloma, Mich., who had accepted the call as inspector, and who had arrived after the end of the school year 1941-42, was inducted into his office. Since both tutors of the preceding year had accepted calls into the ministry, a new tutor began the work with Prof. Franzmann, cand. Emil Toepel.

During the course of this school year a technicolor moving film was produced and finally completed on commencement day, June 12, 1943. The work was done by Rev. Edgar Hoenecke of Plymouth in conjunction with Rev. Theodore Sauer of Livonia (near Plymouth), Mich. The picture was arranged by them during the coming month and then shown throughout our whole Mich. District under the title "The Training of our Youth." It was of great aid in acquainting our people with our school and undoubtedly aided in the subsequent increase in the enrollment at M.L.S.

On the evening before the field day, a fair and warm June day after weeks of rain, the M.L.S. Club met for its annual (as in the days before the 2. World War we planned it to be) banquet. It was made the occasion to honor Dir. O. Hoenecke, who on May 28, 1943 had rounded out his 50. year in the ministry, 33 of which were spent at M.L.S. (See Northwestern Lutheran, July 11, 1943, page 219 ff. Prof. Schaller's article on the festivities.)

At the graduation the next day Rev. G. L. Press of Wayne, Mich. was the speaker. The valedictorian was Victor Spiekermann; Philip Press spoke in English and Bertram Sauer in German. Hymns as usual were sung by the M.L.S. Chorus and the alumni.

At its meeting at Saginaw in August 1941 the Joint Synod had instructed the Board of Regents of M.L.S. to prepare plans and specifications for a combined new recitation hall and gym (for the latter we had been asking Synod for more than a decade). The Board carried out the Synod's resolution and presented a plan, drawn by architect D. Kimbal, Saginaw, to the Synod and informed the body that the combined project would cost about \$200,000.00. Synod, however, hardly took notice of the plans presented, acted as if the Board of Regents had overstepped its authority, and did nothing to raise funds to build buildings here and otherwise, although men, especially from Michigan, petitioned Synod and pleaded that this be done. Thus to the subsequent difficulty and loss (as we know now, Christmas 1945) the grand opportunity to easily raise the amounts for all buildings, needed at the various institutions, was allowed to pass by unheeded.

<u>1943-1944</u> - Enrollment (81):	12. grade	10,	5 boys	5 girls
	11. "	12,	7 "	5 "
	10. "	25,	13 "	12 "
	9. "	34,	26 "	8 "
			51 "	30 "

The previous high in enrollment before the depression was thus reached once more and the large two lower classes, alone larger than the total enrollment of two years before, pointed to it that the day was not far off that the long hoped for mark of 100 in enrollment would be reached.

As in the year 1942-43 during a protracted illness of Prof. Franzmann, so at the beginning of this year, during a longer ailment of Prof. Schultz, the other members of the faculty took over the work of their sick colleague without any extra help.

Commencement day was a beautiful spring day, June 8, 1944. We had expected a smaller participation in field day events and attendance at the exercises on account of the war (restriction in gas and working conditions), but in both cases we were agreeably surprised. The baseball game between the M.L.S. team and one composed of alumni was lost by the alumni.

At the exercises in the evening Rev. O. Eckert, junior pastor of St. Paul's, delivered the baccalaureate address. Marian Koch was valedictorian, Paula Hoenecke delivered an English and Elmer Schiefer a German oration. The M.L.S. Chorus sang two songs and was as usual joined in "Jesus, Priceless Treasure" by a number of alumni.

1944-1945 - With this, the 35. year of the existence of Mich. Luth. Seminary the 100 mark in enrollment was not only reached, as we had seen for some time during the summer vacation preceding the same, but surpassed it. On Sept. 5, 1944 the enrollment was 109 and at the end of the school year 105 (five having left and one entering with the 2. semester).

Enrollment (110):	12. grade	10,	5 boys	5 girls	
	11. "	23,	11 "	12 "	
	10. "	35,	24 "	11 "	*
	9. "	42,	25 "	17 "	*

\*(Note: There is an error in the catalog of 1944-1945, a boy (Long) is listed as member of the 9. grade, but was member of the 10. grade.)

On account of the large new enrollment of more than 50 the Board of Regents informed the large Synodical Committee at its meeting in Milwaukee in October 1944, that on account of the large increase in enrollment and the quite assured prospects of a still larger enrollment for 1945-46 (at least 125) it was absolutely necessary that the long planned recitation hall and gym should be erected and the small gym in the Dormitory converted into studies and bedrooms (dormitory enrollment being 50). The outcome was that a special meeting of Joint Synod was called and was held in January 1945 at Milwaukee. Here among buildings for other institutions of our Synod it was resolved that a recitation hall and gym were to be erected in Saginaw and that the gym in the Dormitory was to be converted into studies and bedrooms. Provisions were made to raise an amount of over one million, of which \$300,000.00 was to be used for Mich. Luth. Seminary. Since, however, it was quite certain that the new building could not be erected by fall 1945 on account of building restrictions during the war and that the funds could not be raised in time, the Board of

Trustees as an emergency measure gave the Board of Regents of M.L.S. the permission to convert the gym in the Dormitory into studies, bedrooms, an emergency classroom in the basement of the building, and a recreation room likewise in the basement, because the recreation room on the 1. floor of the building had to be reconverted into two studies. Likewise permission was given to convert the library in the Recitation Hall into a classroom and to erect a portable building on the grounds as temporary gym. The conversion of the gym etc. were begun in April 1945.

Here it may be noted that Mr. Fred C. Trier who had been a member of the Board of Regents since 1920 and to whose firm, The Trier Construction Co., the conversion of the gym and the erection of the recreation hut had been given, overtaxed himself while getting material for the job and died within a week in June 1945 (6/20/45 at the age of nearly 79 years). In him the school lost a valuable member of its board, a man whose advice we always sought whenever any buildings or alterations in buildings (e.g. converting smaller rooms in the Recitation Hall into larger classrooms, as was done in three cases during the years 1925 to 1944) were to be carried out.

The tutor for the year 1944-45 was Theodore Stern, but in April 1945 another tutor was added. On account of the expected increase in enrollment for 1945-46 and the necessity of dividing classes, the Board of Trustees gave us permission to engage two additional tutors. The Committee on Assignment of Calls at its meeting in March 1945 felt that it could only assign one of the candidates to our school, Leonard Koeninger, who began his work at our school after Easter 1945. For another tutor we were directed to the faculty of the Theological Seminary.

During the 2. semester of 1944-45 Prof. W. Schaller, who had been a member of the faculty since 1922, received a call to a congregation in So. St. Paul, Minn. Although the Board of Regents, the Director, and other members of the Faculty tried to induce him to stay, to our great regret Prof. Schaller nevertheless asked for his release. This was finally given to him and a call for candidates to fill the vacancy was issued. The list of candidates may be found in the June 24. issue of the N.W.Lutheran, page 136. A banquet, attended by more than 175 alumni and other friends of the school in his honor on the eve before the graduation in June.

June 6. was commencement day, a bright and warm day after days and days of rain and cold weather and brought a large number of friends and alumni to our campus for field day events and the graduation. The speaker of the evening was Rev. Edgar Hoenecke of Plymouth, Mich., it being the 25. anniversary of his own graduation. The graduating class numbered 10, 5 boys and 5 girls. Valedictorian: Marilyn Ruppel; Hillmer Schaible delivered an English speech on the "Seminar der Michigan Synode," the predecessor of M.L.S. The Junior Choir, under the direction of Tutor L. Koeninger, and the Senior Choir, under the direction of Prof. W. Schaller, sang appropriate hymns. This was Prof. Schaller's last service as member of our faculty.

RESUME OF THE YEARS 1936 TO 1945: During this period 273 students, 172 boys and 101 girls enrolled, bringing the total enrollment for the 35 years to 683.

136 graduated during the ten years, 86 boys and 50 girls, bringing the total to 347, 245 boys and 102 girls. The inserted bulletin of the M.L.S. Contact Committee gives further information on enrollment, graduates, and number of those that entered into the service of the Church [not with manuscript].

1945-1946 - At its session in 1945 at New Ulm, Minn. the Joint Synod of Wisconsin authorized the Board of Regents of M.L.S. 1.) to call a 6. professor, 2.) to call an additional professor, without creating a 7. professorship to meet the emergency that had suddenly arisen through the serious illness of Prof. A. Sauer. It likewise empowered the Synodical Committee to create a 7. professorship for M.L.S., if and when the need would arise. This having arisen with the opening of the school year 1945-46, the Synodical Committee at its meeting in October 1945 authorized the Regents of M.L.S. to call a 7. professor. The Synod also gave M.L.S. the permission to build a 20 ft. addition to the Refectory. On account of building conditions this could not be carried out in 1945, nor in 1946. The school year 1945-46 began two weeks late--on Sept. 18.--because the reconversion of the gym into rooms was not completed in time. The cost of the reconversion was about \$12,500.00. The enrollment at the beginning of the year was 142.

Enrollment (142):	12. grade	21,	9 boys	12 girls
	11. "	33, 21	"	12 "
	10. "	38, 23	"	15 "
	9. "	50, 29	"	21 "

During the first term 1 boy entered the 11. grade and one boy and two girls the 9. grade. Two boys, one of the 11. and one of the 10. grade left. Of the 144 scholars at the end of the 1. term 103 were from the Wis. Synod, 38 from the Mo. Synod, and 3 from other Luth. bodies. 81 of the 144 had registered as preparing for work in the Church.

The Dormitory population grew to 70. With that number the building was in reality more than filled.

Rev. Martin Toepel of Elkton, Mich., having accepted the call as successor to Prof. Schaller, arrived in August '45 and was inducted into his office on Sept. 18. Four tutors served the school during the year 1945-46: Leonard Koeninger, who has been mentioned before; Luther Spaude, who mainly took over the work in science; Harold Birkholz, who served in the Dormitory, instructed in Latin and was head coach; and Winfred Nommensen, who gave mathematics. Prof. Sauer was able on account of his sickness only to take over part of the instruction in Religion in the 11. grade for a part of the year. Before Easter 1946 he had to discontinue even this. He died Aug. 7, 1946 at the age of 61 years, having served our school from 1911-1946 very ably and very faithfully.

It may be stated here that Mr. Albert Boehringer who had served as member of the Board of Regents from 1917-1941 died in December 1945. Prof. Gerold Martin of the Luth. High School in Milwaukee was called as instructor of science. He accepted the call, but served the school in Milwaukee till the end of the 1945-46 school year. He arrived in

Saginaw in August '46. A house, cor. Lockwood and Court, was bought for him from Mrs. Helene Trier at \$15,000.00. The chorus under the direction of Tutor L. Koeninger gave a number of very successful concerts in Saginaw and other cities. At the end of the school year the enrollment was 143. The graduation exercises took place at St. Paul's church on the evening of June 5, 1946. There were 20 graduates, 8 boys (who subsequently all entered N.W. College) and 12 girls, of which three entered Martin Luther College at New Ulm, Minn. The junior and senior choirs and a double quartette, mainly graduates, sang a number of selections under the direction of Tutor Koeninger. Rev. Winfred Westendorf (M.L.S. '21) was the main speaker. Esther Roekle of Saginaw was valedictorian. The main speaker of the class: Paul Steiner of Jenera. The large church was nearly completely filled for the occasion. The attendance at the field day games etc. was likewise unusually large.

1946-1947 - The school year began Sept. 3. During the opening service Prof. G. Martin was inducted into his office. Candidate Luther Spaude was called as professor of mathematics and science. He accepted and was ordained and installed by Rev. Koch on Sept. 30, 1946. Rev. John Schaefer accepted the position as tutor for the year 1946-47. Since on account of the large enrollment (152) classes had to be divided and since the call for a 7. professor was issued in vain, Rev. Raymond Frey of Hemlock and Stud. of Theol. John Westendorf were asked to assist in instruction. Both served during the entire year. Tutor Schaefer left in March 1947 and Rev. O. J. Eckert kindly took over his classes for the rest of the year, while John Westendorf assumed also the duties of the tutor.

The enrollment at the beginning of the year was:

12. grade	22 boys	11 girls	-	33
11. "	15 "	19 "	-	34
10. "	23 "	23 "	-	46
9. "	23 "	16 "	-	39
Total -				83 " 69 " - 152

The total enrollment - highest in history of school was 156. Graduation June 5, 1947. St. Paul's overfilled for the occasion. Rev. Waldemar Zink delivered the address. Adela Eckert valedictorian, Hugo List class orator (Syn. Conf. his theme). Songs by junior & senior choir under the direction of Prof. Spaude and the male chorus directed by J. Westendorf. 30 graduates; 3 (E. Schleimer, D. Pussehl and Lois Pussehl) received certificates of attendance. Prof. W. Franzmann asked the Board of Regents in April '47 to be relieved of his duties as inspector. This was granted provided a successor could be found. The calling of a successor was combined with the call of a teacher of music. In all 6 calls were sent out to fill this position in vain.

1947-1948 - The 7. call was finally accepted by Dr. Einar Anderson, president of the Luth. High School at Detroit. He arrived in August 1947 to be dean, teacher of music and instructor of history. He was inducted

into his office in St. Paul's church on the evening of September 8. Attendance at service very poor. Candidate Kurt Eggert assumed his duties as tutor at the beginning of the school year. The initial enrollment on account of the failure of many to return was only 136.

Special.	- boys	1 girl	-	1
12. grade	13 "	18 girls	-	31
11. "	18 "	15 "	-	33
10. "	19 "	7 "	-	26
9. "	32 "	13 "	-	45
Totals - 82 " 54 "				136

The total enrollment for year - 137.

The 20 ft. addition to the Refectory which was granted by Joint Synod in August 1945 and for which \$13,000.00 had been allowed could not be begun on account of war restrictions and other obstacles. The Board of Trustees and later the Synod itself raised the allowance to \$20,000.00. Finally, just before the beginning of the school year 1947-48 the work was begun. Excavation began on Sept. 2, 1947. By Dec. 5. the addition was under roof, but the addition was not completed before the end of May '48. The F. C. Trier Construction Co. were the builders. The total cost amounted to \$18,808.38 + \$82.50.

On the evening of Dec. 10. the 3 choirs of the school gave a concert of Christmas songs at St. Paul's church under the direction of Dean Anderson & Tutor Eggert.

Mr. & Mrs. Henry Zessin, who had served as caretaker and housekeeper since October 1932 left on May 1, 1948. They were succeeded by Mr. & Mrs. LeRoy Funkey, who had entered into the service of the Seminary in September 1947.

June 10. was Field Day and in the evening of that day the commencement exercises took place in St. Paul's church, filled to capacity. The program for the evening is attached [see Appendix G].

1948-1949 - The school year was begun on Sept. 7. Candidate Herbert Kuske entered as tutor. The enrollment at the beginning was 142.

12. grade	16 boys	14 girls	-	30
11. "	14 "	8 "	-	22
10. "	28 "	10 "	-	38
9. "	28 "	24 "	-	52
Totals - 86 " 56 "				142

In a small way a girls' dormitory was begun with the school year 1948-49. The addition to the Refectory and by making provision in the boys' dormitory for cases of sickness made it possible to house 10 girls on the second floor of the Refectory. The Joint Synod will be asked to grant us sufficient money to build a small girls' dormitory.

After 26 years (since June 1922) the orchestra was finally revived by Dean Anderson. The choirs made longer tours before Christmas and a concert was given at St. Paul's church Dec. 8. under the direction of Dean Anderson & Tutor H. Kuske.

On Jan. 9, 1949 the Saginaw News carried a full page article with illustrations on Mich. Luth. Seminary under the heading: "Mich. Luth. Seminary, Little-Sung institution has been Good Neighbor for Half-Century."

In February '49 Prof. Gerold Martin received a call to the Frankentlust (Mo. Synod) congregation, Bay Co., Mich. Although both the Board of Regents and the Faculty urged him to stay at two meetings, he nevertheless accepted the call, but continued with his work at M.L.S. till the end of the school year.

At the April '49 meeting of the Board of Regents (4/19) Otto J. R. Hoenecke, having served as head of the school since September 1910, asked the board to relieve him of the duties of the presidency, the resignation to become effective when a new president is installed. Thereafter Prof. Hoenecke is to continue with classwork etc. The board complied with his wish and made provisions for calling the second president of the school in its present form.

Since Prof. Spaude intended to marry, the house occupied by Prof. Martin, was assigned to him, and with the permission of the Board of Trustees of the Synod a house was bought from Mr. & Mrs. G. Bressler at \$13,500.00. The house faces Bay St. and the lot on which it stands adjoins the M.L.S. campus. The house is to be occupied by Prof. Hoenecke.

The school year closed June 9. At the commencement exercises, held in the evening of the day at St. Paul's church, 29 scholars of a class of 30 received their diplomas. A program of the graduation is attached [see Appendix H].

1949-1950 - Only a week before the opening of the new school year, on August 31, Dr. Einar Anderson,

who had been dean of the boys and director of music drowned in Lake No. 4 near Edmore, Mich. at the age of 44 years, 1 month, and 13 days. On account of the death and funeral of Dr. Anderson, the school began one day late, on Sept. 8, 1949, new students enrolled, but 4 students left before the end of the first two weeks, and one student enrolled during that time.

The initial enrollment was 143.

Special student	-	1	girl	-	1	(post grad.)
12. grade	14	boys	7	girls	-	21
11. "	20	"	8	"	-	28
10. "	25	"	18	"	-	43
9. "	25	"	15	"	-	40
	84	"	49	"		133

Tutor H. Kuske remained for the second year. Since the call for a new president had gone out in vain three times (Prof. Walter Schumann of N.W. College, Rev. Erwin Scharf, Rhinelander, Wis., and Rev. Waldemar Pless, Fond du Lac, Wis. were called), Candidate of Theol. Julius Dahms was called as assistant professor, and on account of the death of Dr. Anderson the president of the Theol. Seminary at Thiensville, John Meyer, was asked to permit the student Milton Spaude to assist the faculty for one year. Both Cand. Dahms and Student Spaude also assisted Tutor Kuske in the boys' dormitory under the general supervision of Dir. Hoenecke.



There were 65 boys in the dormitory. Room was made for 4 more girls in the Refectory, so that now 14 girls are housed there. Mrs. Bertha Knoll was secured as matron. She is also helping morning in the kitchen.

After a 4. call as president was declined by Prof. Dudley Rohda of N.W.College, the call as president was sent to Rev. Conrad Frey of Detroit, Mich. He accepted the call and is expected to be installed in January 1950.

In a meeting, held Nov. 22, 1949, Prof. M. Toepel was called by the Board of Regents as Dean of Boys. In compliance with the wishes and hopes, both of the Regents and Faculty, Prof. Toepel accepted the call. He moved into the Dean's residence during the Christmas vacation and began his new duties in January 1950. He retained the position as head coach. A call was therefore issued for the nomination of candidates for a director of Music.

In a special service, held at St. Paul's church on Sunday, Jan. 22, 1950 at 5 o'clock P.M. Rev. Conrad Frey was installed as the second president of Mich. Luth. Seminary. Rev. O. J. Eckert was liturgist and Teacher Wm. Winterstein organist. The sermon was delivered by Dir. O. J. R. Hoenecke and he based his remarks on 2. Tim. 2, 1-4. The choirs of the school sang 3 hymns under the direction of Tutor H. Kuske.

Rev. R. Koch, the president of the board of regents installed Rev. Frey assisted by Rev. Oscar Frey, Rev. O. J. Eckert and Dir. Hoenecke. Many had come, both pastors and members of congregations, some from quite a distance to take part in the services and the luncheon and social program that followed after the services in the basement of the church. This program was in the heads of a committee of the board of regents with Mr. Bertram Schulz as chairman. Speakers at this occasion were: Rev. S. Westendorf, toastmaster, Prof. W. Franzmann, Teacher Waldemar Shindt, Pres. Karl Krauss, and the new president.

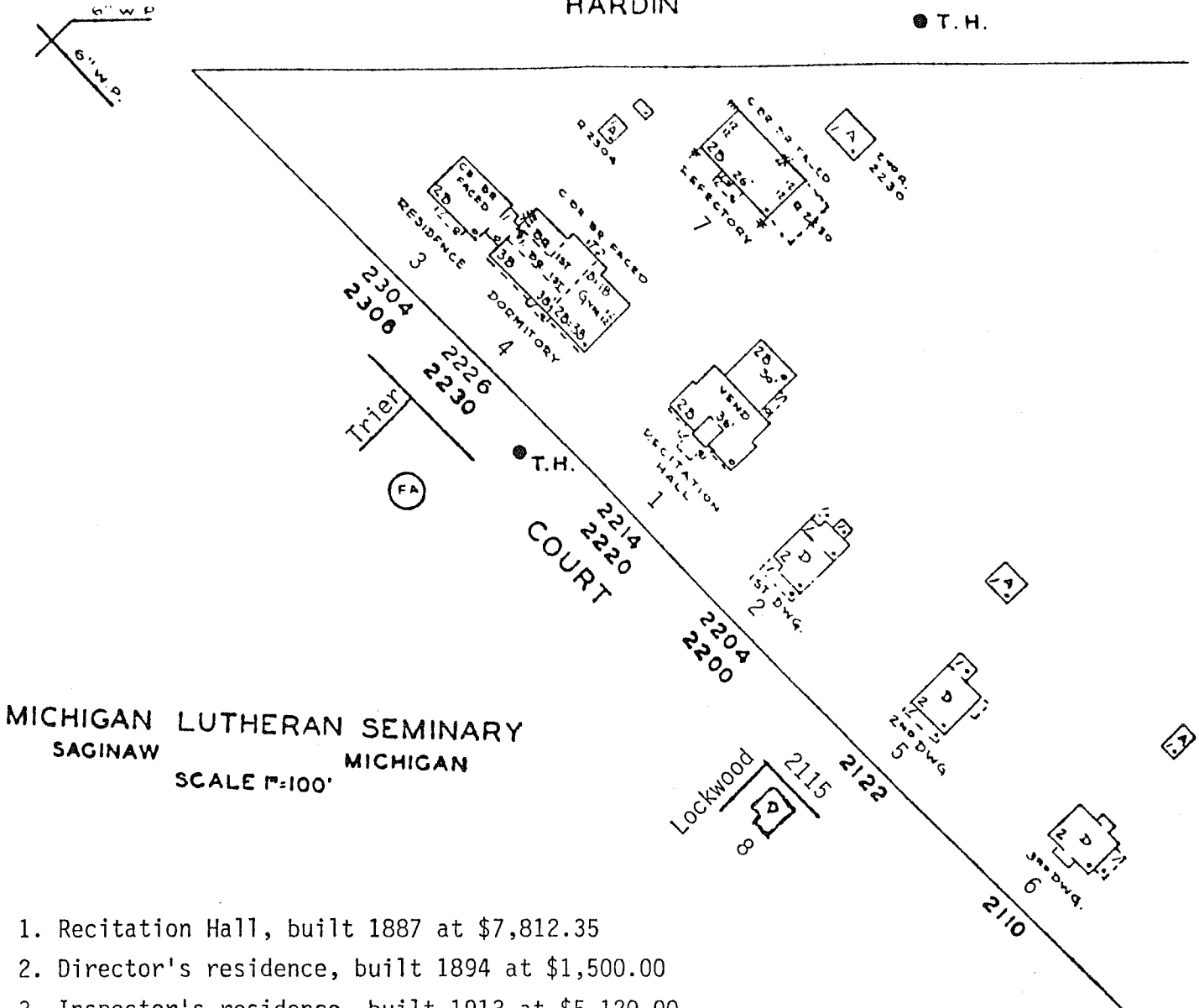
May God bless M.L.S. in the future as in the past.

Otto J. R. Hoenecke, 1/23/50

APPENDIX A  
M.L.S. BUILDINGS

HARDIN

● T.H.



MICHIGAN LUTHERAN SEMINARY  
SAGINAW MICHIGAN  
SCALE 1"=100'

1. Recitation Hall, built 1887 at \$7,812.35
2. Director's residence, built 1894 at \$1,500.00
3. Inspector's residence, built 1913 at \$5,120.00
4. Dormitory for boys, built 1914 at \$19,914.00
5. Professor's dwelling, built 1920 at cir. \$9,000.00
6. Professor's dwelling, built 1923 at cir. \$7,800.00
7. Refectory, built 1925 at \$23,500.00  
Addition to Refectory built in 1947-1948 at \$18,808.38
8. Professor's dwelling cor. Court & Lockwood bought in 1946  
from Mrs. Helene Trier at \$15,000.00

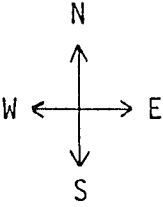
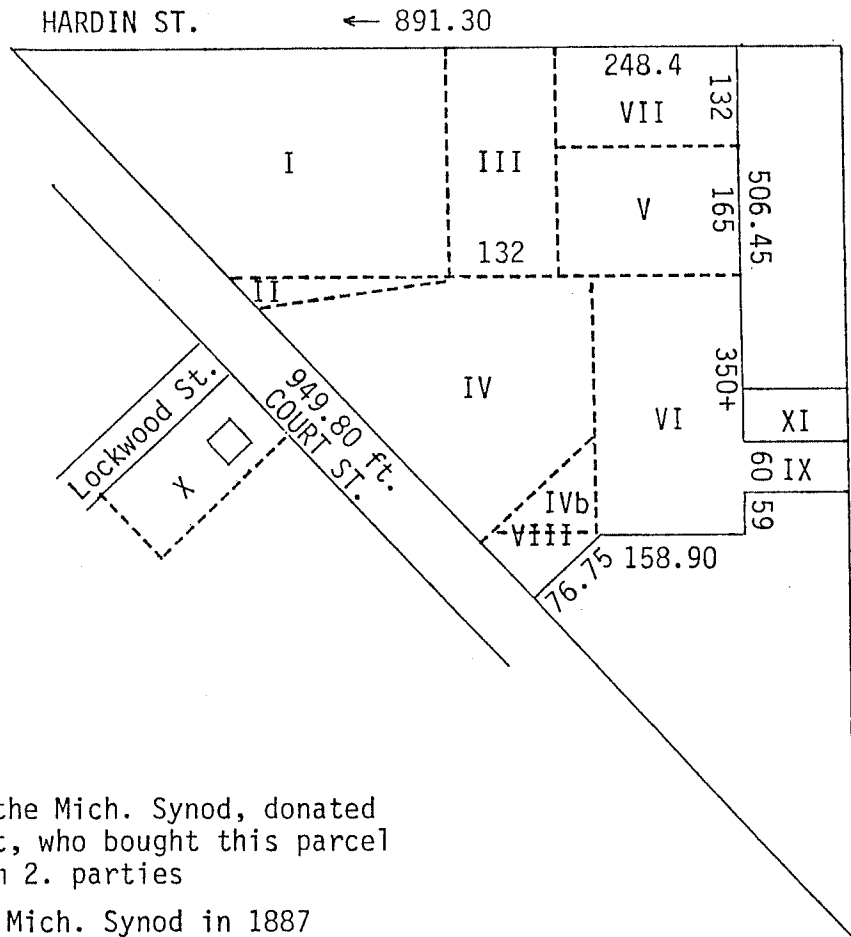
[Not pictured:] Professor's residence on Bay St. bought 1942 at \$9,000.00 from  
Mrs. J. Dittmann [1345 Bay]

Professor's dwelling on Bay St. bought in 1949 from Mr. & Mrs.  
G. A. Bressler at \$13,500.00 [1353 Bay]

APPENDIX B

M.L.S. GROUNDS IN 1945

Scale 1. inch = 250 ft.



- I. Original property of the Mich. Synod, donated by Rev. Chr. Eberhardt, who bought this parcel together with III from 2. parties
  - II. Bought and donated to Mich. Synod in 1887
  - III. By deed bequest from Eberhardt in 1892
  - IV. Bought by Mich. Synod together with IVb from the Close Estate for \$900.00 in 1911; IVb sold by Mich. Synod to Dr. Watson
  - I, II, III, IV were finally deeded to Joint Synod of Wisconsin 1942
  - V. Bought by Joint Synod from Frederich in 1920 for \$2,000.00
  - VI. " " " " C " Close Estate " 1921 " \$2,500.00
  - VII. " " " " " Piaschecks " 1930 " \$3,500.00
  - VIII. " " " " " Mrs. Watson " 1940 " \$600.00  
(By this purchase IVb was rebought)
  - IX. Bought by Joint Synod from Mrs. Dittmann in 1942 for \$9,000.00
  - X. Bought by Joint Synod from Mrs. H. Trier in 1946 for \$15,000.00
- NOTE: All the larger buildings and the director's house are on I and II, dwellings of 2 professors on IV.
- XI. Bought by Joint Synod from Mr. & Mrs. G. A. Bressler in 1949 for \$13,500.00

APPENDIX C  
DEED PROVISIONS

The deeds for I, II, III [see Appendix B] contain the following provisions:

- I. (5/26/87) "That the Seminary and all necessary outbuildings and additions which may be hereafter required as the necessity for their erection may from time to time present itself be erected upon and forever maintained for the purpose of educating young men for ministers and school teachers of the Ev. Luth. Church. Should the synod governing said institution elect to use said land for any educational or charitable purpose in strict conformity to the true Ev. Luth. doctrine and discipline according to the Books of Concord of the year 1580 they shall have the right to so elect and maintain the title to said land. But in case said land shall cease to be devoted for purposes or execution of the Ev. Luth. principles above mentioned the title to said land shall revert to said parties, their heirs, or assigns and can only be regained by paying at once the sum of \$1,500.00 to said first parties, their heirs, or assigns."
  
- II. (8/26/87) Same conditions as in deed of 5/26/87 for I, but \$200.00 to be paid instead of \$1,500.00.
  
- III. (12/6/1892) Same conditions as in deed of 5/26/87. "In case of reversion \$400.00 be paid instead of \$1,500.00 to C. Eberhardt & Marie, his wife, the grantors."

Das Wort sie sollen lassen stahn und kein Dank  
daran haben. Er ist bei uns wohl auf dem Plan  
mit seinem Geist und Gaben. Nehmen sie den  
Leib, Gut, Ehr, Kund und Weib, lass fahren  
dahin, zu habens kein Gewinn, das Reich muss  
uns doch bleiben.

- 3 **Gebet. Schriftabschnitt.** Pastor P. Schulz.
- 4 **Rede.** Direktor Otto Hoenecke.
- 5 **Massenchorgesang.**  
Kollekte fuer die innere Ausstattung des neuen Gebaedes
- 6 **Rede.** Pastor G. Wacker, Pigeon, Mich.
- 7 **Massenchorgesang.**
- 8 **Reden von den Vertretern anderer Synoden u. Anstalten**
- 9 **Vater Unser. Segen.**
- 10 **Gemeindegesang.**

Erhalt uns deine Lehre, Herr, zu der letzten  
Zeit, erhalt dem Reich, vermehre dein edle  
Christenheit erhalt standhaften Glauben, der  
Hoffnung Leitsternstrahl, lass uns dein Wort  
nicht rauben in diesem Jamuertal.

Erhalt dein Ehr und wehre dem, der dir wider-  
sticht, erleucht, Herr, und bekehre, allwissend  
ewig Licht, was dich bisher nicht kennet, ent-  
lecke doch der Welt (der du dich Licht  
genuet), was einig dir gefaellt.

Erhalt, was du gebauet und durch dein Blut  
erkaufft, was du dir hast vertrauet, die Kirch,  
auf welch anlaufft der grimme Sturm des  
Drachen, sei du ihr Schutz und Wall, dass, ob  
die Welt will krachen, sie nimmermehr verfall.

Erhalt in Sturm und Wellen dein Haeflein,  
lass doch nicht uns Wind und Wetter faellen,  
steur selbst dein Schiff, und richt den Lauf,  
dass wir erreichen die Anfuhr nach der Zeit,  
und hilf uns Segel streichen in selger Ewigkeit.

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### Vormittags.

- 1 **Eroeffnung.** Pastor C. Waidelich, Clare, Mich.
- 2 **Gemeindegesang.**

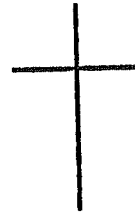
Womit soll ich dich wohl loben,  
Maechtiger Herr Zebaoth?  
Sende mir dazu von oben  
Deines Geistes Kraft, mein Gott,  
Denn ich kann mit nichts erreichen  
Deine Gnad und Liebeszeichen  
Tausend-, tausendmal sei dir,  
Grosser Koenig, Dank dafuer.

Herr, entzuende mein Gemuect,  
Dass ich deine Wundermacht,  
Deine Gnade, Treu und Guete  
Stets erhebe Tag und Nacht.  
Denn von deinen Gnadenguessen  
Leib und Seele zeugen muessen,  
Tausend-, tausendmal sei dir,  
Grosser Koenig, Dank dafuer.

- 3 **Pastor:** Der Herr sei mit euch.  
**Gemeinde:** Und mit deinem Geiste.
- 4 **Gebet.**  
**Gemeinde:** Amen.
- 5 **Schriftabschnitt.**  
**Gemeinde:** Halleluja, Halleluja, Selig sind, die Gottes  
Wort hoeren und bewahren. Halleluja, Halleluja.
- 6 **Glaubensbekenntnis.**  
**Gemeinde:** Amen.
- 7 **Chorgesang.**
- 8 **Predigt.** Pastor J. Gauss, Teneira, Ohio.
- 9 **Chorgesang.**  
Kollekte fuer die innere Ausstattung des neuen Gebaedes.
- 10 **Rede.** Pastor H. Heyn, Adrian, Mich.
- 11 **Chorgesang.**
- 12 **Weihe des neuen Gebaedes.** Pastor F. Krauss, Lansing  
Mich.

# Programm

bei der  
**Einweihung des neuen Wohngebacudes**  
des  
**Michigan Lutheran Seminary**  
2020 Court Street  
Saginaw, West Side, Michigan



Sonntag den 14. September, 1913.

- 13 **Segen.** Pastor F. Krauss.
- 14 **Gemeindegesang.**

Nun danket alle Gott  
Mit Herzen, Mund und Haenden,  
Der Grosse Dinge tut  
An uns und allen Enden,  
Der uns von Mutterleib  
Und Kindesbeinen an  
Unzaehlig viel zu gut  
Und noch jetzund getan.

Waehrend der Mittagspause wird in den grossen Racumen des alten  
und neuen Gebaedes Essen serviert zu 25c. fuer Erwachsene und 15c. fuer  
Kinder.

### Nachmittags.

- 1 **Eroeffnung.** Pastor P. Schulz, Marion Springs, Mich.
- 2 **Gemeindelied.**

Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott, ein gute Wehr  
und Waffen, er hilft uns frei aus aller Not, die  
uns jetzt hat betroffen. Der alt boese Feind mit  
Ernst ers jetzt meint, gross Macht und viel List  
sein grausam Ruestung ist, auf Erd ist nicht  
seinsgleichen.

Mit unser Macht ist nichts getan, wir sind gar  
bald verloren; es streit fuer uns der rechte  
Mann, den Gott hat selbst erkoren. Fragst du,  
wer der ist? Er heisst Jesus Christ, der Herr  
Zebaoth, und ist kein andrer Gott, das Feld  
muss er behalten.

Und wenn die Welt voll Teufel waer und wolt  
uns gar verschlingen, so fuerchten wir uns nicht  
so sehr, es soll uns doch gelingen. Der Fuerst  
dieser Welt, wie sauer er sich stellt tut er uns  
doch nicht, das macht, er ist gericht, ein  
Woertlein kann ihn faellen.

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## APPENDIX F

### ATHLETICS AT MICHIGAN LUTHERAN SEMINARY

By Prof. Armin Schultz

Sports have always played a prominent role in the activities of the students of the Seminary. And that is as it should be. Altho interest in outside, competitive sports was not felt so much in the beginning, because of a small student body, nevertheless, the natural urge to play was there. In the first years (1910-1920) there was no great need of organization and supervision. The boys of the dormitory and the town students played tennis, went skating, hiking, etc. and even had a baseball team as early as 1911. In general, they took care of their own activities, altho Prof. Wente assisted somewhat in coaching them when the I World War years, under the guidance of Prof. Adolf Sauer, also aimed at developing physical vigor.

As the student body grew larger (1920-1931), and the eagerness to vie with other schools in sports increased, it became apparent that the faculty take a more active part in the organization and supervision of athletics. So when the fourth professor was called, he was made Director of Athletics by the board of regents. The first man to serve in this capacity was Prof. E. J. Berg. Often against great obstacles he worked to give the Seminary boys a well-balanced program in athletics. Basketball soon became the main sport of the school, with games against outside competition beginning in 1920. For a time the boys themselves even paid for the use of halls in which to play and practice (Y.M.C.A., Ames, South, etc.). Later an arrangement was entered into by which Seminary used North Intermediate gymnasium for basketball practice while the North boys shared the use of our diamond in baseball, and for a few years used the field for soccer. This arrangement proved fairly satisfactory, but from year to year it emphasized the great need of a gymnasium on the Seminary campus proper. It was in 1941 that the Synod, in convention at Saginaw, took the first step toward realizing this goal.

The first Seminary team to take part in the state-sponsored tournaments was the team of 1926. Its members were E. Froehlich, P. Heyn, W. Nessler, W. Waidelich, E. Heck, R. Roth, L. Sommerfeld, and H. Eckert. Coach Berg took the boys to Bay City where they lost the first game and were eliminated. However, the Red and White made a good account of itself in tournament play in the

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years to follow. Prof. Berg coached the teams to District championships in 1928 & 1929, and with Tutor W. Zink as assistant coach, won District & Regional honors in 1930. Tutor Zink aided by Prof. Berg led the Seminary team to Regional glory in 1931.

The main spring sport was always baseball. Seminary entered the Class C.D (also B.C.D) League of Saginaw Valley in 1930. Softball, soccer (1926.1927), and track (eight boys entered at Saginaw in 1928) were played whenever great interest was shown. The Field Day activities (track & field events, horseshoe pitching, & tennis) were started in 1927 and have been followed with interest ever since. The winners of these events have their names engraved on trophies at the school. Friends of the school spend the morning and afternoon of graduation day on the campus witnessing these events.

The active coaching was given over into the hands of the tutors beginning with 1931. Roland Hoenecke had charge for three years with good success. His basketball teams won the District and Regional titles for Class D in 1932.1933. and 1934. The baseball team of 1934 also won the championship of the C.D League for the first time. The basketball team of 1933 lost to Kent City, 23-19, in the semi-finals, after downing Madison, 25-23. In 1934 a plucky Maple Rapids five outlasted Seminary, led by Fred Zimmermann & "Tuffy" (Long Tom) Link, 18-15, in the semi-finals at Grand Rapids. The Red & White had ousted Detroit St. Rita, 22-20, in the first round game. That same year the Vic Bickel (pitcher)-Walt Zeile (catcher) battery helped win 11 games to one defeat to capture the seven team C.D championship.

In these and the following years enthusiasm ran high in athletics, especially for basketball. Setting-up exercises were usually held in fall before the boys entered the gym for drills and scrimmage. Practice took place at North Int. school where the games were also played. Not only the first and the second teams but also a ninth grade team was coached for competition. With the assistance of Mrs. H. Zessin, the stewardess, an annual banquet was given at which the awards and letters were distributed. The Alumni took an active part in assisting the Seminary's athletic program (suits, bleachers, letters purchased). Seminary was in no organized basketball league, and so set its sights on the state tournaments in spring.



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Tutor Erwin Froehlich followed Hoenecke as coach for three years, and his teams won District honors in 1935 and 1937. After coaching the reserve team for two seasons, Tutor Armin Schultz handled the regulars in 1938. Team play brought this group of boys thru the District at Saginaw, the Regional at Lapeer, into the State Finals at Grand Rapids. The regular players of this team were: Walter Sauer, Herbert Pickelmann, Dan Richert, Ervin Ott, Norman Maas, Al Rogner, & Mort Schroeder. They disposed of Dryden, 24-13, and snapped a 25 game winning streak for Roscommon by trimming them, 30-22. The finals saw a steadier Brooklyn team down a hard fighting, but tired Seminary five, 24-14, and so Seminary became state Runners-up--the farthest any Sem. team has advanced in tournament play so far. Norman Maas led Sem. scoring that year with 187 points in 19 games; the team won 18 and lost 5.

In 1938 Prof. E. J. Berg accepted a call to N.W.C., Watertown, Wisconsin, and Prof. Armin Schultz took over the directorship of athletics. The program of sports activities was continued as before and even broadened somewhat to meet the needs of the increased enrollment at the school. In fall softball and touch football were played, in early spring volley ball, table tennis, billiards and pool kept the students active, and in late spring baseball, track, soft ball, tennis, and horseshoe pitching held the stage. Seminary was a member of the Saginaw Valley Class C.D Baseball League, and always was represented in the administration of that organization until it disbanded in 1946. The baseball team of 1943, coached by Tutor Emil Toepel, won the C.D title for the second time with 6 wins and no defeats. Harris Kaesemeyer was the pitcher and Eldor Bickel the catcher of this team. In spring our diamond was a beehive of activity since North Int. also used it for practice & games. Arthur Hill H.S. used our diamond on various occasions too, as did the professional team, the Saginaw Athletics, in the beginning of their brief stay in Saginaw. Interest was high in track in 1937, Sem. taking second place in the Regional at Mt. Pleasant, second place at Saginaw in 1938, and third place at Owosso in 1945. Prof. Schultz coached the track teams, but no competition was set up against baseball in regard to practice.

Certainly one of the outstanding Sem. basketball teams in this period was the team of 1942. This team was coached by Tutor G. Frey. It was made up of

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tall, strong men, who were offence as well as defence minded. They amassed a total of 800 points in 24 games to their opponents 455. They averaged 33.3 points per game, while holding the opposition to 18.9. They won 22 and lost 2. Their leading scorer was Erhard Zeile who gathered 223 points in 21 games. They won the District & Regional, but tired in the quarter finals of the State at East Lansing and were eliminated by Whitehall, 33-25. In 1943 and 1944 Coach Emil Toepel led his charges to Area and District championships respectively. The Area Championship was equivalent to the District, since war restrictions would not permit travel for further play that year.

In 1945 the student body reached almost the 150 mark. Seminary was in Class C for the first time in its history. More boys needed supervision in physical development. Fortunate it was that we had the men who took an interest in leading and coaching the boys and the girls in play. (L. Koeninger, first team; H. Birkholz, second team & baseball; W. Nommensen, the ninth grade; Prof. Martin Toepel, gym supervision; Prof. Schultz, track) In that year the Little Six Conference was organized with Seminary as one of the charter members. The Six schools represented were: Hemlock, Birch Run, Merrill, Merrill Sacred Heart, Maple Grove, and Seminary. League competition was started in basketball, baseball, and track. Seminary finished in a tie for second place in basketball, won the baseball trophy by defeating Hemlock, 3-1, to remain undefeated (4-0), and easily took first honors in the Conference Track Meet with 58.7 points. The close of the first year of league competition was quite successful for the Seminary.

CLASS OF 1948

Helen E. Reider .....	Bay City, Mich.
Alton C. Buckel .....	Frankenrost, Mich.
Lucille M. Bieberich .....	Auburn, Mich.
Herbert H. Dorow .....	Wayne, Mich.
Emgard N. K. Gauss .....	Jenera, O.
Alfred Heyer .....	Wayne, Mich.
Walter M. Heyne .....	St. Louis, Mo.
Paul H. Hoenecke .....	Sturgis, Mich.
Harold A. Hoebach .....	Saginaw, Mich.
John W. Howard .....	Bay City, Mich.
Betty L. Kaiser .....	Wayne, Mich.
Calvin A. Kish .....	Melvindale, Mich.
Monica M. Klammer .....	Frankenrost, Mich.
Dorothy H. Knoll .....	Frankenrost, Mich.
Florence B. Korb .....	Auburn, Mich.
Robert J. Novotny .....	Wayne, Mich.
Henry Peter .....	Jenera, O.
Virginia M. Pitt .....	Wayne, Mich.
Lois F. A. Prueter .....	Toledo, O.
Frederick M. Riemer .....	Hemlock, Mich.
Janet A. Rockle .....	Saginaw, Mich.
Marion L. Rockle .....	Palmyra, Mich.
Albert H. Scheizer .....	Saginaw, Mich.
Dorothy C. Schults .....	Plymouth, Mich.
Henry Schwartz .....	Tint, Mich.
Lynn Sauer .....	Saginaw, Mich.
Lucille E. Stelt .....	Garden City, Mich.
Rosale L. Strunk .....	Benton Harbor, Mich.
Ruth C. Voss .....	Jenera, O.
Ed Dale Walsh .....	Swartz Creek, Mich.

Class Motto: "Watch and pray." Matt. 26:41.  
 Class Colors: Blue and White.  
 Class Flower: Carnation.

CLASS OFFICERS

President .....	Henry Peter
Vice-president .....	Frederick M. Riemer
Secretary .....	Monica M. Klammer
Treasurer .....	C. Alfred Heyer
Class Advisor: Prof. Gerald R. Martin	

THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL

COMMENCEMENT

of

Michigan Lutheran Seminary

June 10, 1948

7:30 P. M.



ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Corner Court and Bond Streets  
 Saginaw, Michigan

COMMENCEMENT SERVICE

JUNE 10, 1948 - 7:30 P. M.

Processional ..... Edgar Backer |

Organist at St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Hymn: "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"—

Holy God, we praise Thy name;  
 Lord of all, we bow before Thee.  
 All on earth Thy scepter claim,  
 All in heav'n above adore Thee.  
 Infinite Thy vast domain,  
 Everlasting is Thy reign.

Hark! the glad celestial hymn  
 Angel choirs above are raising;  
 Cherubim and seraphim,  
 In unceasing chorus praising,  
 Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:  
 Holy, holy, holy, Lord!

Lo, th' apostles' holy train  
 Join Thy sacred name to hallow;  
 Prophets swell the glad refrain,  
 And the white-robed martyrs follow,  
 And from morn to set of sun  
 Thro' the Church the song goes on.

Holy Father, holy Son,  
 Holy Spirit, three we name Thee;  
 Though in essence only one,  
 Undivided God we claim Thee  
 And, adoring, bend the knee  
 While we own the mystery Amen.

Scripture Reading ..... Rev. O. Eckert |

Pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church

"O Savior Sweet" Bach ..... Girls' Choir and Vocal Ensemble |

K. J. Eggert, Director

Oration: "Sidelights on the Diet of Worms" ..... Alfred Heyer |

"All Glory Be to God on High"—Declius-Bach ..... Mixed Chorus |

E. W. Anderson, Director

"Sheep May Safely Graze" ..... Bach-Biggs |

Piano: Rolfe Westendorf; Organ: Harold Hoebach

Valedictory Address ..... Henry Peter |

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"—Nickel ..... Male Chorus |

K. J. Eggert, Director

Commencement Address ..... Rev. Fred A. Schroeder |

Findlay, Ohio

Presentation of Diplomas ..... President O. J. R. Hoenecke |

Benediction ..... Rev. O. Eckert |

Doxology -

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
 Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
 Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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Franklin F. Brehmer	Dundee, Mich.
Robert B. Butler	Flint, Mich.
George M. Busch	St. Charles, Mich.
Alfred W. Burtaw	Saginaw, Mich.
Doris M. Chabusch	Saginaw, Mich.
Fred G. Eckert	Saginaw, Mich.
June A. Finger	Saginaw, Mich.
Wyman E. Fischer	Frankenmuth, Mich.
Cladya C. Gotsis	Stevensville, Mich.
Gerhardt E. Haag	Unionville, Mich.
Velma L. Helfrich	Yale, Mich.
Friederick H. Klemiz	Grand Blanc, Mich.
Bernice R. Kruth	Saginaw, Mich.
Gerald L. Loebel	Reese, Mich.
Marion J. Muehlenbeck	Saginaw, Mich.
Robert P. Mueller	Bay City, Mich.
John R. Pickelmann	Saginaw, Mich.
Werner J. Roskle	Tawas City, Mich.
* Lou B. Ruediger	Brant, Mich.
Elaine A. Ruppel	Saginaw, Mich.
Dorothy J. Schroeder	Findlay, Ohio
Harold C. Siebert	Saginaw, Mich.
Lorraine L. Spiekerman	Saginaw, Mich.
Douglas J. Stundl	Bay City, Mich.
Funice M. Stobb	Wayne, Mich.
Reinhold A. Treibet	Unionville, Mich.
Charles W. Van Zandt	Mt. Pleasant, Mich.
Arthur G. Wacker	Ann Arbor, Mich.
Jeanne L. Wallace	Detroit, Mich.
Kathleen E. Wolbig	Saginaw, Mich.
* Valetictorian	
** Salutatorian	

Class Motto: "Be thou faithful unto death." Rev. 2:10.  
 Class Colors: Maroon and Gray.  
 Class Flower: Rose.

CLASS OFFICERS

President	Robert P. Mueller
Vice president	Reinhold A. Treibet
Secretary-Treasurer	Bernice R. Kruth
Class Advisor	Prof. Gerald R. Martin

\* Not a graduate, received credit by attendance

THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL  
 COMMENCEMENT

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June 9, 1949

7:30 P. M.



ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Corner Court and Bond Streets

Saginaw, Michigan

COMMENCEMENT SERVICE

JUNE 9, 1949 - 7:30 P. M.

Processional ..... William O. Winterstein  
 Organist at St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Hymn: All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

All praise to God, who reigns above,  
 The God of all creation,  
 The God of wonders, pow'r, and love,  
 The God of our salvation!  
 With healing balm by soul he fills,  
 The God who ev'ry sorrow stills,  
 To God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty pow'r hath made  
 His gracious mercy keepeth;  
 By morning dawn or evening shade  
 His watchful eye ne'er sleepeth;  
 Within the kingdom of His might,  
 Lo, all is just and all is right,  
 To God all praise and glory!

I cried to Him in time of need:  
 Lord God, oh, hear my calling!  
 For death He gave me life indeed  
 And kept my feet from falling.  
 For this my thanks shall endless be:  
 Oh, thank Him, thank our God, with me,  
 To God all praise and glory!

Ye who confess Christ's holy name,  
 To God give praise and glory!  
 Ye who the Father's power proclaim,  
 To God give praise and glory!  
 All idols under foot be trod,  
 The Lord is God! The Lord is God!  
 To God all praise and glory! Amen.

Scripture Reading ..... Rev. O. J. Eckert  
 Pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church

"A Mighty Fortress"—Luther-Manson ..... Mixed Chorus  
 E. W. Anderson, Director

"God's Hand in History" ..... Gerhardt E. Haug

"Beautiful Savior"—Arr. by Fr. Wick ..... Male Chorus  
 H. Kuske, Director

Valedictory Address ..... Paul G. Eckert

"Built On A Rock"—Christiansen ..... Mixed Chorus  
 E. W. Anderson, Director

Commencement Address ..... Rev. Sieghard A. Westendorf  
 Monroe, Mich.

Presentation of Diplomas ..... Pres. O. J. R. Hoenecke

Benediction ..... Rev. O. J. Eckert

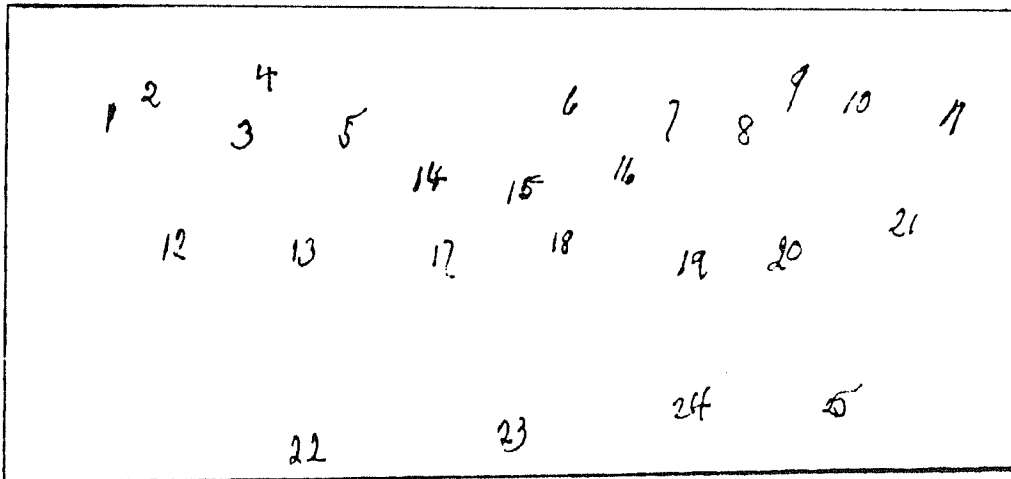
Doxology—

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
 Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
 Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Postlude ..... William O. Winterstein

APPENDIX I

ORCHESTRA OF M.L.S. 1921-22



The orchestra was founded by Prof. Walter Wentz (single arrow) and after his departure was conducted by Tutor Gerald Hoenecke (double arrow) to June 1923. After that it was discontinued.

[For the names of the orchestra members according to the above chart, see the next page.]

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Members of the 1921-22 Orchestra

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1. Richard Matuschek (22), Detroit
2. Elmer Polzin (23)
3. Harry Rausch (25), Jenera, O.
4. Wm. Seelbinder, R.R. Goodrich, Mich.
5. Andrew Simon (22?)
6. Waldemar Zink (22), Bay City, Mich.
7. Ernst Mehnert (23), Bay City, Mich.
8. Arthur Matuschek (23), Detroit
9. Guenther Waidelich (22)
10. Oscar Stephani (23), Birch Run, Mich.
11. Lauren Rauch (25), Jenera, O.
12. Fred Schroeder (23), Bay City, Mich.
13. Agathe Wente, Crete, Ill.
14. Tutor G. Hoenecke
15. Clarence Stiem (22), Wayne, Mich.
16. Prof. Walter Wente
17. Thekla Hoenecke (22), Saginaw, Mich.
18. Doris Gauss (24), Jenera, O.
19. Gertrude Grossmann (24), Saginaw
20. Ila Wierman (24), Saginaw
21. Erhard Rupp (23), Bay City, Mich.
22. Carl Zollweg (26)
23. Roland Hoenecke (24), Saginaw
24. Emil Kasischke (24), Tawas City, Mich.
25. Martin Brohn (25), Flint, Mich.

APPENDIX J  
CLASS OF 1910-1911



Left to right: Walter Bodamer,  
Karl Schmelzer, Edward Drews,  
Director Hoenecke, Hilda Hoenecke.

F. Gerginski had left M.L.S. when  
picture was taken.