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DEDICATE BEAUTIFUL OUR REDEEMER CHURCH, DALLAS

Dedication services were held on October 23 for Our Redeemer Church, Dallas, Tex. The Rev. Henry A. Burandt, pastor of the church, conducted the rite of dedication, and the Rev. Hugo G. Kleiner, North Tonawanda, N. Y., President of the English District, gave the sermon. Music for the festival was furnished by the church choirs, under the direction of Mrs. V. L. Rohloff. More than 500 people filled the church to capacity.

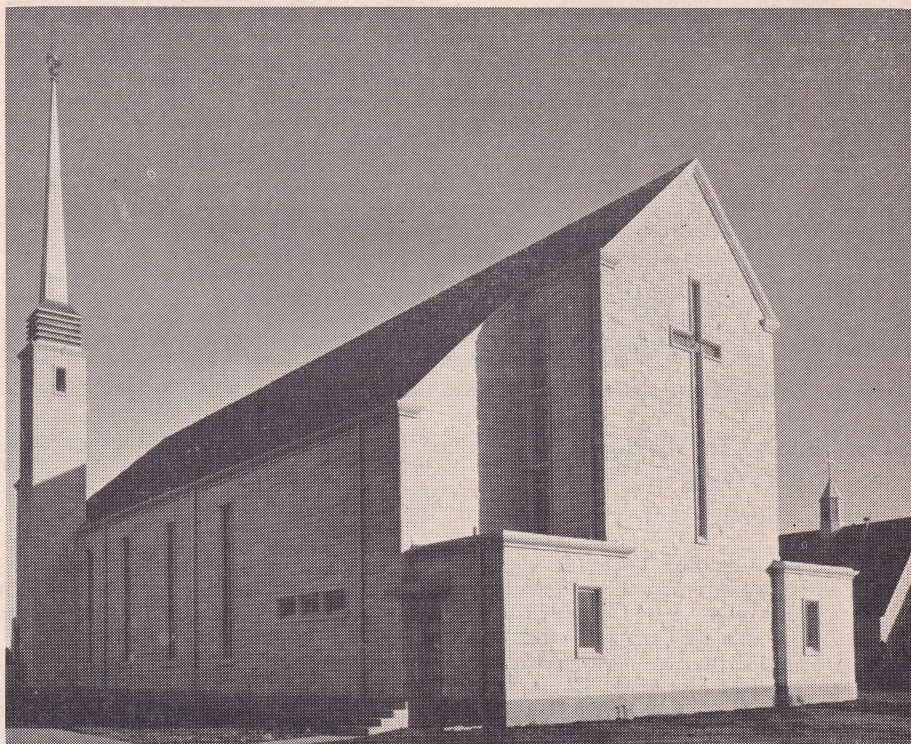
Our Redeemer Church was organized on March 30, 1941. The dedication of the first building took place on February 1, 1942. In subsequent years a parsonage was dedicated, the congregation became self-sustaining, and a Sunday school addition was built. Today it numbers 650 souls. Ground breaking for the present new church took place on October 10, 1954.

Many Refinements

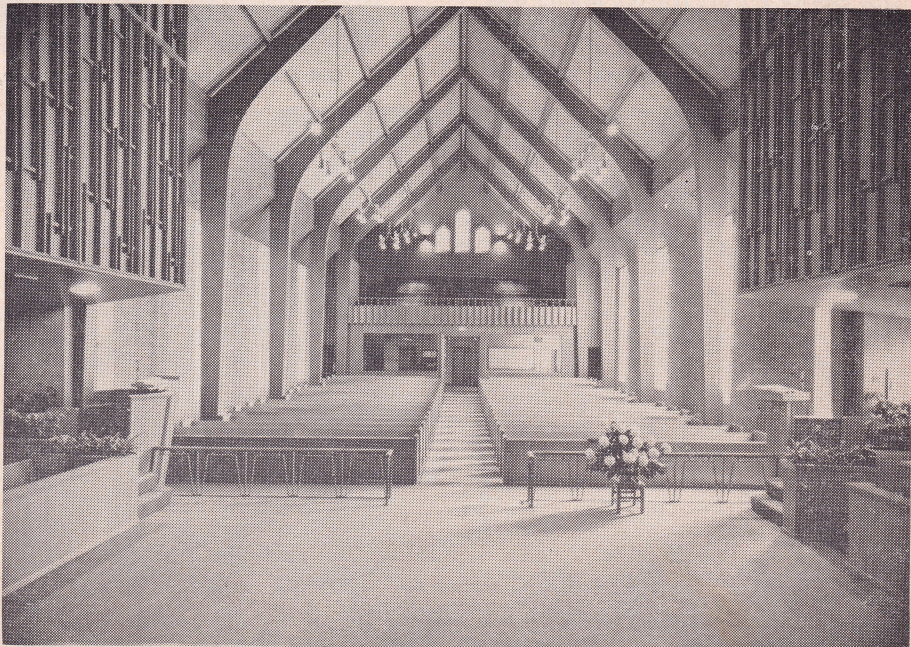
The new sanctuary is of Austin cream limestone, with the interior of Mexican brick. Laminated wood arches support the roof and form the side aisles. Acoustical treatment is a combination of corkboard and insulated paneling. The building is completely air-conditioned. The altar is of Macchiavescchia marble, pulpit and lectern of white oak, pews of Appalachian oak; and the paneling is of rift grain fit. The choir pews are recessed on both sides of the chancel. The organ is a Pilcher instrument of seventeen ranks. Stained-glass windows in the cross above the altar and in the balcony were designed by Ernst Jansen-Winkel and fabricated by the firm of Dr. H. Oidtmann, Linnich, Germany. The architects for the building were Bennet and Crittenden. Cost, including furnishings and organ, was \$185,000.

The Rev. Henry A. Burandt was installed as pastor of Our Redeemer on September 21, 1941. Previous to this, Pastor O. H. Horn, a theological student at the time living in Dallas, served the congregation as supply pastor. Pastor Burandt has served congregations at Asheville, N. C., and Toledo, Ohio. He also served the English District as Secretary of Missions and Stewardship from 1937 to 1941, before coming to Our Redeemer Church.

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Exterior, Our Redeemer Church, Dallas, Texas



Nave and balcony detail, Our Redeemer Church, Dallas, Texas. Completed and furnished for \$185,000



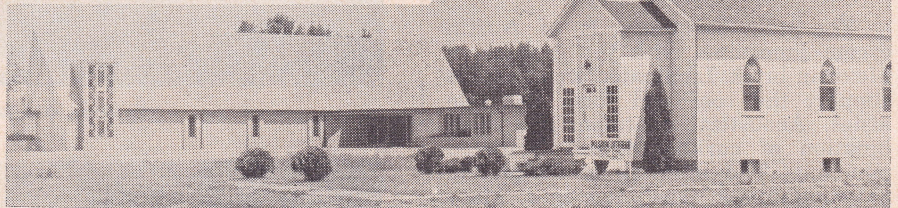
Interior, facing chancel, Our Redeemer Church, Dallas, Texas. Rev. H. A. Burandt, pastor

CONSECRATE BUILDINGS AT MARYSVILLE, MICH.

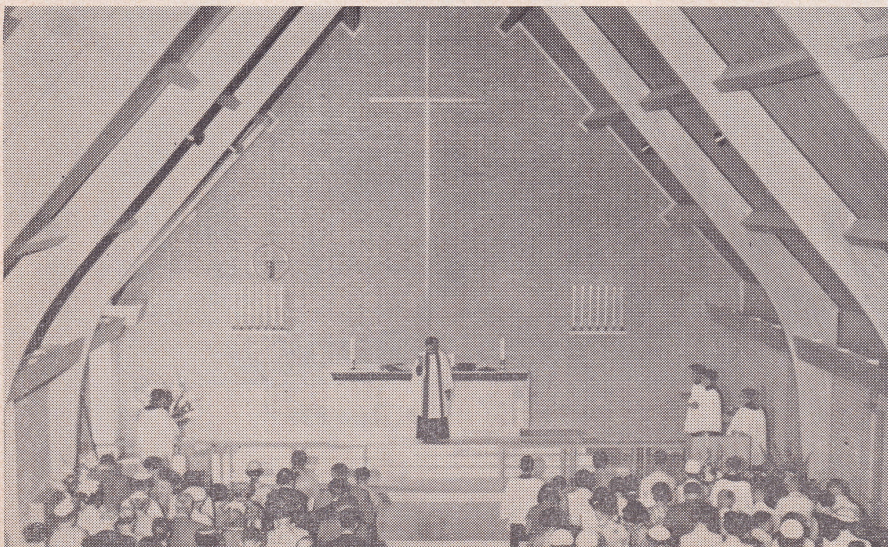
Pilgrim Church, Marysville, Mich., dedicated its new church and educational unit on July 10. Three services marked the dedication Sunday. A valedictory matins was held in the old church. From this service the congregation proceeded to the new church. The celebrant was the Rev. Raymond Moelter, pastor of Pilgrim Church, Marysville. The speaker was the Rev. Ihno Janssen, Associate Executive Secretary of the District. Rev. Albert Ruff of Our Savior's, Port Huron, Mich., was the lector. Vespers were held with the Rev. Arthur Yoss, chairman of the District Mission Board, as guest speaker.

Rev. O. T. McRee, Executive Secretary of the District, was lector. An organ recital was given at 8:00 P. M. by Heinrich Fleischer.

The \$150,000 edifice is of contemporary functional design. Basic construction is Norman brick both inside and out. Graceful laminated wood



Old church, new church, Marysville, Mich., the Rev. Raymond Moelter, pastor



Interior, Pilgrim Church, Marysville, Mich. Scene at dedication of new sanctuary July 10th

arches support the tongue and groove V-notched timbers of the ceiling of the nave and chancel.

All the facilities are above ground and at one level, with the exception of the boiler room and lavatories. Parish hall, kitchen, and offices are likewise of beam-and-plank construction, roofed with a flat deck. Dominating the exterior is the chancel end of the building, where a large cross in relief has been worked into the brickwork. Rising from the floor level some 20 feet on the liturgical north wall of the chancel is a window, making the chancel the most illuminated spot in the church. The church is able to seat 224 in the nave and 25 in the choir gallery. Overflow arrangements increase the seating capacity to between 360 and 370. It is the largest church built under supervision of the District Mission Board.

The building contains facilities for church and part-time educational agencies. The parish hall area divides into three large classrooms by means of wooden folding doors, and in addition it can be used as a church overflow. E. R.

English District churches of Saint Louis have a goal of \$190,000 in the current two-million-dollar high school drive. Grace, Mount Calvary, Pilgrim, Our Savior's, and Unity are supporting the campaign. The city is divided into nine zones, with almost 4,000 workers enrolled in the canvass for pledges over a three-year period. Sites of the proposed schools are in the western suburbs and the southwest side of the city. 768 students are enrolled in the present high school at 455 Lake Avenue.

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