



St. Matthew's  
CHURCH AND SCHOOL

1930's

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100 YEARS IN GOD'S GRACE  
1922 - 2022

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- ☐ 1930-1932 the church went through some very rocky times - left the synod, rejoined synod and closed the school.
- ☐ In 1932 Pastor Norbert Paustian was called and the church experienced more stability.
- ☐ Since the first teachers had left St. Matthew's during the tumultuous 1929's, Pastor Paustian started the school up again and was the only teacher for **13 years**. (*Due to the Depression, it was economically impossible for St. Matthew's to employ a teacher.*)
- ☐ In 1934, a telephone was installed in the school for Rev. Paustian...a one party line too!
- ☐ In June 26-29, 1934, it was announced at the Synod Convention at St. John's in Jefferson that St. Matthew's was accepted as a member of the Wisconsin Synod.
- ☐ In 1935 men finished leveling the school grounds. Members improved the Church floor by sanding and varnishing it.
- ☐ In 1937 a furnace was donated to the school.
- ☐ On May 1, 1938, St. Matthew's became self-supporting.
- ☐ Miss Miriam Jaeger was given \$50/year for playing organ.
- ☐ Summer 1938 had a Church picnic.
- ☐ In 1939 a parsonage was built for about \$6,000. Bids were given for building the parsonage in the amount of \$5,960. Lester Bence Builders built it at an hourly rate. This parsonage would later be connected to the church.

**St. Matthews Statistical Totals for this decade 1932 - 1940 from Annual Reports**

Baptisms	Confirmations	Marriages	Deaths
51	46	27	24