

# 100 Years of Grace

## Grace Lutheran Church – Fifth Decade

The new concrete block House of Worship had been dedicated November 1950. Following in September 1958, the old parsonage was converted to additional Sunday School space. This stop-gap effort was short-lived and it was decided that a more ambitious program was necessary to house the growing youth program. With the sale of the 1919 wooden church and parsonage in October 1959, the way was clear to begin the new building project. The Educational Wing, costing \$56,000 was dedicated February 24, 1960 with Rev. C. Thalacker of Ft. Pierce the dedicatory speaker. Our present day Wicks Pipe organ was then purchased May 2, 1965 for \$11,300 and dedicated in December 1965.

Many anniversaries for Grace were celebrated during 1967. January 29, Rev. Lewis Gerbhardt celebrated his 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in Holy Ministry and the conclusion of the 25<sup>th</sup> year of his service as pastor of Grace. February 26, the church celebrated its “Half A Century of Blessing” (50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 1917-67). Special service officiants included Rev. W. Schoech of West Palm, Rev Edmund Weber of Vero, Rev. C. Thalacker of Ft. Pierce and Rev. L. C. Gerbhardt.

Lutheran Women’s Missionary League also celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary during 1967.



Six Vero Beach charter members were recognized at the event: Frances Berggren, Jenny Johnson, Clara Grumbach, Adele Webster, Ida Graul and Clara Hensick.