

INSTALLATION SERVICE

for

Rev. and Mrs. John W. Heistand

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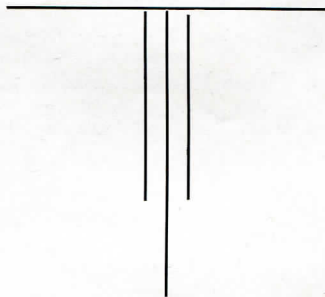
Superintendent and Matron

of the

Fort Wayne Children's Home

of the

EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED CHURCH



Grace Evangelical and Reformed Church

Fort Wayne, Indiana

NOVEMBER 19, 1950 — 8:00 P.M.

The Order of Worship

- PRELUDE—"Sheep May Safely Graze"*Bach*
(Mrs. G. Doyle White, organist)
- CHILDREN'S PROCESSIONAL—"Children's March"*Kern*
(The Children of the Home)
- PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 272—"Love Divine, All Loves
Excelling"
- CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION PRAYER
(Rev. Frank J. Lowenbergh, Grace Church, Fort Wayne)
- ANTHEM—"Laud His Name"*Ivanhoff*
(Mrs. David Gerig, director)
- THE SCRIPTURE LESSON—Mark 9:33-37; 10:13-16
(Rev. Charles S. Hartman, St. John's Church, Fort Wayne)
- CHORAL RESPONSE—"Let the words of my mouth and the
meditation of my heart be acceptable
in Thy sight."
- THE EVENING PRAYER
(Rev. Willard H. Zinke, Salem Church, Fort Wayne)
- CHORAL RESPONSE—"Hear, O Lord, our humble supplica-
tion."
- HYMN No. 460—"When I Read That Sweet Story of Old"
- SERMON—"The Child in the Midst"
(Dr. Robert C. Stanger, Bethany Church, Chicago)
- ANTHEM—"Incline Thine Ear"*Arkhangelsky*
- REMARKS—for the Board of Trustees of the Children's Home
(Rev. Stanley L. Fritz, First Church, Fostoria, Ohio)
- THE INSTALLATION SERVICE
(Rev. William C. Nelson, Trinity Church, Akron, Ohio)
- HYMN No. 351—"Lord, Pour Thy Spirit from on High"
- BENEDICTION
(Rev. Frank J. Lowenbergh)
- CHORAL RESPONSE—"The Lord bless you and keep you."
- POSTLUDE—"Jubilate Deo"*Doige*

Friends are invited to a reception for Rev. and Mrs. John W. Heistand to be held immediately after the close of the service in the social rooms of the church.



Rev. and Mrs. John W. Heistand
Superintendent and matron of the Fort Wayne Children's Home

Rev. and Mrs. John W. Heistand were members of Trinity Reformed Church of the Farmersville Charge near Dayton, Ohio. They joined Trinity Church as members of the same confirmation class. Mr. and Mrs. Heistand were married August 23, 1930, while Mr. Heistand was a student in Central Theological Seminary, Dayton.

The Heistands have served in pastorates at the First Reformed Church, Fairview, Kansas, 1932-1934; the First Reformed Church, Marion, Ohio, 1934-1939; the Trinity Evangelical and Reformed Church, Wadsworth, Ohio, 1939-1946. In September of 1946, the Heistands came to Grace Evangelical and Reformed Church, Fort Wayne, where Mr. Heistand served as pastor until his election to the superintendency of the Fort Wayne Children's Home on September 1, 1950. Mr. Heistand served on the Board of Trustees of the Fort Wayne Children's Home from 1940 until the time of his election to this present position. He was president of the Board from 1944 until 1950.

Throughout his ministry Mr. Heistand has been particularly active in the work of Christian Education. For a number of years he was a writer of Church School materials for young people. He has served as a member of the Committee on Christian Education for Michigan-Indiana Synod and at present is chairman of this committee. He has been a leader in the denomination's program of summer camps for young people.

The Heistands are the parents of three children: Jane, a student at Heidelberg College, Paul and Sylvia.

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A Sketch of the Home's History

In 1879, the Reformed Church Synod of Galion, Ohio, appointed a Board of Orphans to investigate the possibility of establishing an Orphans' Home in some central location in the western part of the Reformed Church area. In 1883, a committee selected from the membership of the Northwest and Central Synods chose Fort Wayne as the sight for this institution. On November 15, 1883 the corner stone was laid, and in 1884 a two-story brick building was completed at a cost of \$12,000. Rev. John Rettig, the first superintendent, began his work with five orphans to care for.

By 1904, so large a number of children had come to the Home, that there was erected another building which now serves as the boys' dormitory. New kitchen and dining room facilities were added in 1917, and an attractive cottage for pre-school age children was erected in 1924.

In recent years, the physical condition of the buildings became so unsatisfactory that a campaign for funds for a new building program was begun in the Fall of 1946. Ground-breaking ceremonies were held March 12, 1950, for the construction of new buildings: three dormitories, an administration building, and the superintendent's home. The building project is being undertaken at an estimated cost of more than \$500,000.