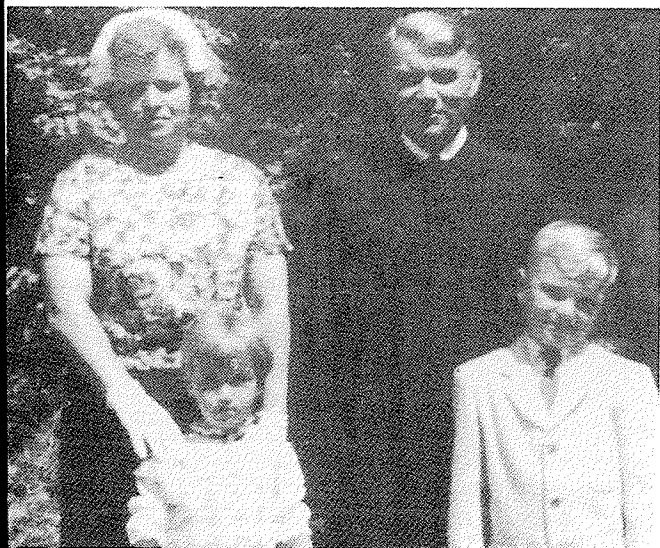


included my 67 year old mother) will always cherish the Samaritan attitude of the people who greeted us in this parish ... May God bless them for the many favours they bestowed upon us."

Pastor Rossnagel resigned from the parish in order to accept a call from St. Pauls congregation of Leamington, Ontario in November 1964. On 1 September 1981 Pastor Rossnagel retired. The Rossnagel's two children, Arthur and Elizabeth, are graduates of the Western University of London, Ontario. Arthur is now interning in Toronto as a medical graduate and Elizabeth received her B.A. with honours at the spring 1982 convocation.



Pastor and Mrs. Rossnagel, Arthur and Elizabeth.

PASTOR NICKOLAI GLOECKLER 1899-1973

Rev. Nikolai Gloeckler, the son of Friedrich Gloeckler and Rachel nee Ragowski, was born on 16 September 1899 in Crimea. His father was the owner of a large estate located in the parish of Byten where the Gloeckler family had been influential in the building of a beautiful huge church in 1910, and in the erection of a home for the druggist and doctor which Friedrich Gloeckler was able to secure for the community. Pastor Gloeckler was confirmed by Pastor Karl Arthur Hansen, who served this parish from 1912 until his arrest by the Bolsheviks on 8 February 1930. This gifted preacher and compassionate "Seelsorger" was the first, and one of the most important, influences which eventually led Pastor Gloeckler into the ministry of the Lutheran Church. Pastor Gloeckler took his education in Crimea and graduated in law from the University of Simferopol.

Crimea was the last portion of southern Russia to fall into the hands of the communists and so it was spared for some years many of the atrocities perpetrated by that regime throughout Russia. Then in the late 1920s it too fell and Crimea was plunged into a blood bath. Pastor Gloeckler was able to escape from Crimea (the only

member of his family to do so) in 1929 and made his way to Germany. The following year he left Germany for Canada as one of the leaders of a group of 1000 immigrants. He first came to Spalding, Saskatchewan where he was employed as a farm labourer.

In fall 1932, he enrolled in the Lutheran Seminary in Saskatoon. Three years later he graduated with a Bachelor of Divinity degree and was ordained by the Manitoba Synod on 14 July 1935 at Heimthal, Alberta. A year and two days later, he married Rosa Scholer in Luseland, Sask. Pastor Alexander Wolfram officiated at the service.

From 1935 until 1943 Rev. Gloeckler was the pastor of the Hines Creek parish in the Peace River Country of northern Alberta; then the Flatbush, Fawcett, Busby parish in the Westlock district of Alberta until 1948. From 1948 until 1952 he was pastor of the Rollyview parish where he directed the building of a fine new church. The laying of the cornerstone of the new St. Pauls Lutheran Church occurred on 15 May 1949 and the church was dedicated on 6 November. From Rollyview he was called to the Serath, Elbourne and Quinton parishes in Saskatchewan, where he ministered for six years. Then Manitoba beckoned; he was called to the Holy Cross, Golden Bay and St. Pauls, Green Bay congregations. Shortly after his arrival, he also took over the ministry of the congregations at Glenmoor, Greenwald and Thalberg. In 1966 Pastor Gloeckler resigned from the Beausejour Rural Lutheran parish and returned to Saskatchewan to become the pastor of St. Pauls Lutheran Church in Regina, a large congregation whose parishioners had immigrated to that city after World War II. In 1969, he moved back to Alberta where he served at Dalum, near Drumheller. He retired in 1972 to Kelowna where he resided until his death on 17 July 1973 at the age of 73.



Pastor and Mrs. Gloeckler, around 1964.