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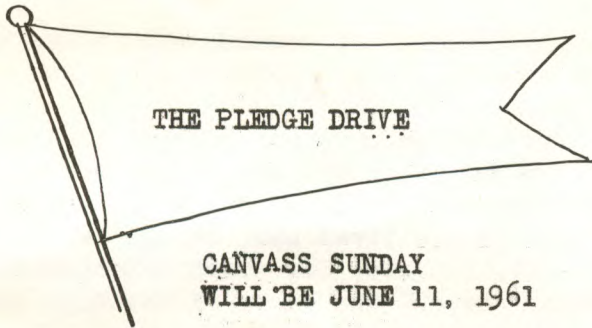
We're on the move!



**ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL
& REFORMED CHURCH**

110 N. West Street

Waukegan, Illinois



We urge all members and interested friends of St. John's Church, who are not acting as canvassers, to please stay home that Sunday afternoon, so our canvassers will be able to secure your pledge. These men are giving much time and effort to make this drive a success. Please cooperate with them, by giving careful consideration to the amount of your pledge.

These pledges are to cover a three year period, so that at the end of that period our new property may be fully paid for. Our goal is the amount of \$25,000.00. Let's go over the top! Other churches with building programs are going over the top, and we can do so too. We are counting on your generous contribution. We need the support of EVERYBODY.

Don't forget the date--Sunday, June 11, 1961.

REASONS FOR RELOCATING OUR CHURCH

There are a number of reasons why it has become desirable to move our church location:

First: We have been in our present location for about ninety years. When the church was built, it was probably near the center of the city. It was a handy location. Many people lived near enough to walk to church. However, the city has grown tremendously in the past twenty years. The edges of the city have been pushed out farther and farther. Many of our members no longer live near the church. Our church is no longer near the center of the population.

Second: Our location has become disadvantageous with the passing of the years. We are in a static residential area. The people in the area are not prospective members. Most of them have long since become affiliated with some church or other. Furthermore, countless homes have been torn down to make room for business establishments, City buildings, and parking lots. There are not as many people in the area as formerly.

Third: The area between County and West, and from Madison to Grand Ave., is over-churched. St. John's faces tremendous competition from the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches, which are too close to us geographically, and too similar to us in religious forms and customs. They are well known to the general public, while we are not.

Fourth: The immediately vital reason why we should move is the car parking problem. When the City moves the police and fire departments into their new quarters, they will eliminate all parking on West and Madison Streets near us. That will just about eliminate us too.

COMMENTS ON OUR NEW SITE ON MC AREE ROAD

In the opinion of the Planning Committee and the Consistory, we have made a good buy out on McAree Road. There, for \$23,000.00, we will have plenty of space for a new church, larger Sunday School quarters, a new parsonage, and a good-sized parking lot. There will be additional land left over for future expansion.

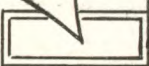
This location has great potential. We will be in a new, growing neighborhood, where we can reach younger families with children. They are prospective members. Also, we will not be too close to another church. We can start out with a new church building, from which we can eliminate the steep flights of stairs to the Sanctuary. We will have a new parsonage, instead of having to renovate the old one we now have. A good many of our members will be no further from church than they are now. Some will be even closer.

Above all, we will be progressing--we will have something to work for and towards. Let's face it--St. John's has been in a deep rut for many years. It is time to get out of the rut, and cut out a new path for the church. We can do it if we will all put our shoulders to the task and do our part. Let's become workers and show that we can and will go forward.

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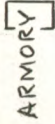


OUR NEW CHURCH SITE



CATHOLIC SCHOOL SITE

McAREE ROAD



ARMORY



CLEARVIEW SCHOOL

SUNSET

SHOPPING PLAZA

MASONIC SITE



GLENWOOD SCHOOL

GLEN FLORA



ARMENIAN CHURCH

LEWIS AVE.

GRAND