

## FIFTY-FIVE YEARS OF MINISTRY—Paul R. Schroeder

Pastor Schroeder's goal in life has been to reach people for Christ! His commitment to God was: to go anywhere, anytime, to proclaim Christ.

### Parishes Served

1958-1963 Faith Lutheran, Godfrey, IL  
1963-1966 St. John's Lutheran, Watertown, WI  
1966-2015 Our Shepherd Lutheran Church, Greendale, WI

### Official Acts

He has preached over 4705 sermons and conducted over 5200 Bible studies.

Baptized: 637 Infants  
Confirmed: 552 Teenagers  
Married: 256 Couples  
Buried: 123 Deceased

In addition to preaching, radio and T.V., Pastor Schroeder has been in demand to speak at seminars, rallies, conferences, and conventions. He has delivered 762 speeches to a combined audience of over 93,000 people.

### Biographical Sketch

**Historical:** Pastor Paul R. Schroeder was born in Davenport, Iowa, on August 16, 1933 to the late Reverend and Mrs. Walter P. Schroeder. After graduating from the Charter Oak Iowa High School in 1951, he continued his education at St. John College at Winfield, Kansas. Upon graduation, he continued his theological training at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri. His vicarage year was spent as Chaplain of our country's largest civilian hospital, Kings County, in Brooklyn, New York. He graduated from the seminary in 1958.

**Pastor:** Pastor Paul served his first parish in Godfrey, Illinois, for five years. He served at St. John's in Watertown, Wisconsin, a 3000 member parish, as pastor for three years. During those years, he organized and taught the largest Bible class in the denomination with over 400 people attending weekly. For the past forty-seven years, Pastor Schroeder has served as pastor of Our Shepherd Lutheran Church in Greendale, Wisconsin.

**Offices:** Pastor Paul served two terms on the Evangelism Committee of the Southern Illinois District of the Lutheran Church; two terms were served as President of the Greater Alton Area Council of Lutheran Churches; two terms on the Adult Education Committee of the South Wisconsin District; two terms as the Director of Family Life in this district; two terms on the Board of Directors of the Milwaukee Lutheran High School Association; two terms on the Board of Directors of the Milwaukee Federation of Churches; and two terms on the Board of Directors of Lutheran Bible Translators where he was Chairman of the Communications and Development Committee.

**Speaker:** Pastor Paul has preached to gatherings in Africa, Canada, India and New Guinea. He has been a guest speaker at the Concordia, St. Louis and Fort Wayne seminaries, the River Forest Campus and the International Center in St. Louis.

**Travel:** Pastor Paul has traveled extensively on five continents. He has guided hundreds of people through the Holy Land on his more than 22 trips to Israel. He has traveled extensively in Africa, China and India. From 1969 to 1979 Pastor Schroeder produced and spoke on 520 consecutive thirty minute television programs reaching an estimated audience of over 30,000 people each week. He presently directs and serves as speaker for a weekly radio broadcast, "The Word Today". Now in its 37<sup>th</sup> year, the broadcast is carried around the world in 54 languages.

**Author:** Pastor Paul has written articles for Concordia Pulpit, Concordia Pulpit Resource, Advance Magazine, Lutheran Witness and other publications. The "Family Clinic" column in the Lutheran Witness Reporter was authored by Pastor Paul. He wrote devotional booklets titled "Out of the Depths" and "Stirrings". Concordia Tract Mission has published six titles by him. He has authored four books: A two set volume entitled "Key Chapters of the Bible", "Pathways to Palestine", and "Coping".

**Family:** On June 8, 1958, Pastor Schroeder married Miss Sylvia Wolfsberger of Webster Groves, Missouri. They have two grown children, Dana and Douglas.

God has blessed us abundantly! Praise His Holy Name! Our Shepherd has placed “missions” as its highest priority! Taking God’s Word to the world is our highest goal as we praise God!!!

- In 1966, the church was in debt \$227,531.
- In 1976, at a cost of \$250,000, a new addition was built. Several years later the church was debt free.
- In 2000 we built again at a cost of one million. Offerings received made the building debt free.
- In 2003 offerings of 1.2 million had been received for the building of the International Center for THE WORD TODAY.
- In September 2005, the groundbreaking for The Word Today “Fish” building was held and in May 2006 the \$2.5 million building was dedicated to God, debt free.
- A Perpetuity Fund (Until Christ Comes) of nearly \$4 million is in place to expand and enlarge our outreach.