

NEW APOSTOLIC CHURCH

This Church was established here in 1965, with services held in the VFW building. The present Church at 700 Random Lane, was built in 1972. The pastor is Rev. Otto Mertens.

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

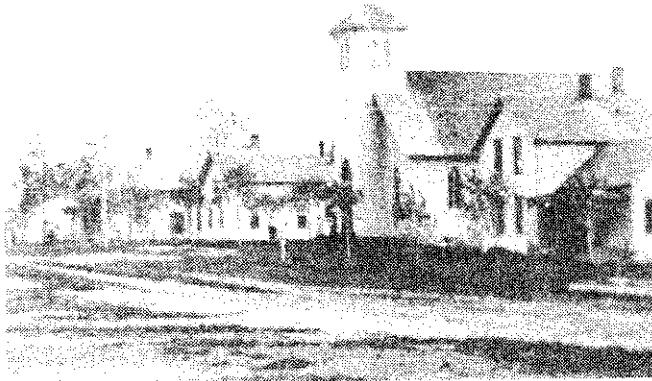
Meetings were held in the Bagley Township Hall when this congregation first formed in 1971. In 1972 the Kingdom Hall was built on West M-32 and Alba Road. This group is presently being led by their elders.

LUTHERAN MISSION, WISCONSIN SYNOD

This group began to meet in 1974 under exploratory Mission status. Meetings are being held in the High School Chorus Room, with Pastor Dayton Fritz of Indian River as pastor. During the month of April, 1975, the National Mission Board is expected to grant Mission status. Then the congregation hopes to acquire land for a building.

OTSEGO COUNTY'S DEFUNCT CHURCHES

Northern Baptist Convention Church, Gaylord, disbanded in the 1930's. Johannesburg Congregational Church disbanded in 1954. Four Square Gospel Mission, Johannesburg, Methodist Mission Church, Hallock. Vanderbilt Congregational Church joined with the Methodists to form the Vanderbilt Community Church in 1955. Vanderbilt Methodist Episcopal Church (see above).



**Vanderbilt Methodist Episcopal Church,
now Holy Redeemer**

VANDERBILT COMMUNITY CHURCH

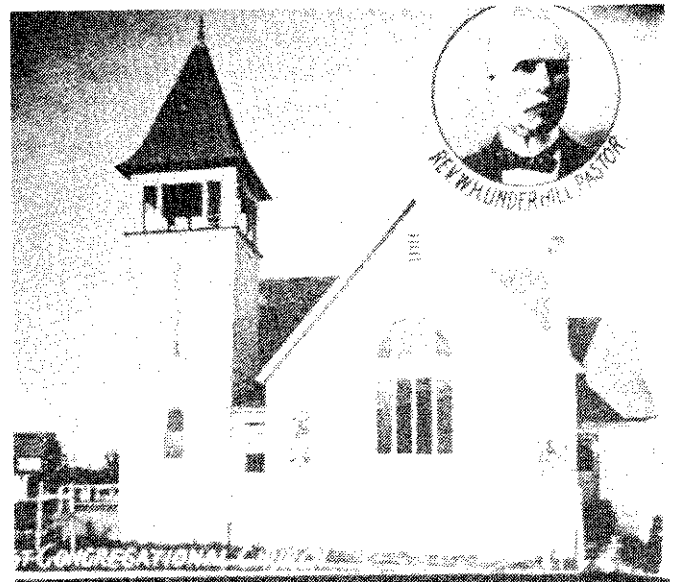
This Church was organized in 1955 when the Methodist and Congregational Churches combined. Rev. Charles Maher was the first minister. In 1967, Rev. Robert Shaffer, who was associate pastor at the Gaylord Methodist Church, became the pastor and still holds that position. The old parish Hall has been replaced by a new Fellowship Hall and Sunday School rooms. The sanctuary has also been remodeled.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

The Church of Christ began about 1960, meeting on West Otsego Lake Drive. A model home on South US-27 was purchased and remodeled into a Church. Plans are being made to cover the building with an Alpine roof. Louis E. Rushmore is the evangelist to this Church.

HOLY REDEEMER CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Holy Redeemer Church in Vanderbilt was started in 1964 with Msgr. Francis Kaminski as parish priest. A store building was first used as a Parish Hall. Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Nowak came into ownership of the old Methodist Church when this congregation joined to form the Community Church. Mr. and Mrs. Nowak signed title over to the Catholic congregation. An addition was built and repairs made before the building was used. Mrs. Mary Darcy donated a church bell which is now used.



**First Congregational Church, Vanderbilt, now the
Community Church.**