

**Assistant Pastor Fred A. Millhouse**  
**(September 1, 1959 – August 15, 1963)**



Pastor Fred A. Millhouse was called to be assistant pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran church on July 26, 1959. Officiating for the service of installation on October 4, 1959 and guest preacher for the day was Dr. A. Howard Weeg, president of the Illinois Synod of the United Lutheran Church in America, and former pastor of St. Paul's. He and his wife, Beatrice, took up residence in their newly purchased home at 2228 Glen Flora Avenue. They moved here from Wilmette, where he had served as pastor of the Wilmette Evangelical Lutheran Church for 16 years.

Born in Murphysboro on July 26, 1895, Pastor Millhouse graduated from Carthage College, Carthage Illinois, and from the Chicago Lutheran Theological seminary at Maywood. Among his former parishes are Messiah Lutheran Church in Rockford, Trinity Lutheran Church and United Lutheran Church at Sedalia, Missouri; Salem Lutheran Church at Jonesboro, Illinois, and first Lutheran Church at Dongola, Illinois. Pastor Millhouse was a veteran of World War I and served as chaplain in the American Legion for 20 years. He also served as chaplain of the Wilmette Lions Club and was president of the Ministerial Association of that city.

While at St. Paul's, he and Pastor Salstrom alternated leading the Sunday church services. Pastor Millhouse also taught confirmation. As Kris Reckling reflected, "Confirmands knew their Bible." On April 19, 1961, Pastor celebrated the fortieth anniversary of his ordination, and also he and his wife's fortieth wedding anniversary. Pastor Salstrom wrote: "I'll thank God for Pastor Millhouse's coming. I'll thank God for his understanding and accepting the challenge to do together that which no pastor could hope to do all by himself. What a blessing he is. And were pleased to share our blessing with Trinity Church, Harvard, when he served as their Missioner." He added immeasurably to the spiritual life of the congregation. In

addition to his ministry at St. Paul's, in 1962 he served as president of the Waukegan Area Ministerial Association.

On July 15, 1963, after nearly four years of service, he submitted his resignation from his calling at St. Paul's effective as of August 15<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Millhouse accepted a call as assistant pastor to a neighboring parish, St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Mundelein, Illinois. Sadly, Pastor Millhouse's wife, Beatrice, died three months after they left St. Paul's. Pastor Millhouse died in August, 1976.