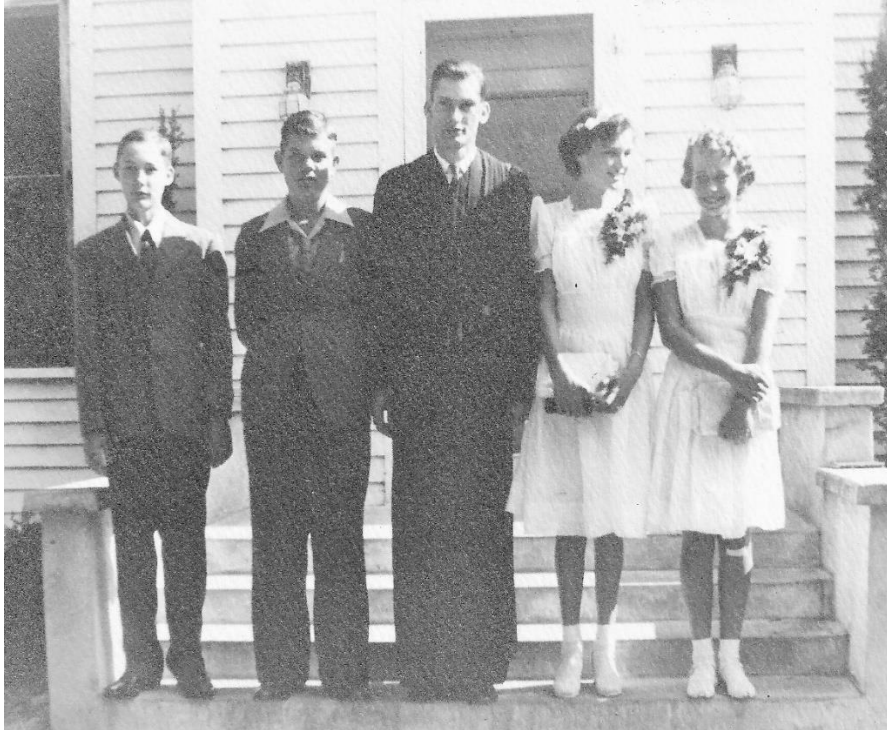


# 100 Years of Grace

## Grace Lutheran Church – Third Decade

In November 1941, Vero Beach with a population of 3500 had house mail delivery, a weekly newspaper and a total of eight churches. With 125 souls, 77 communicants and 55 Sunday school children, Grace called a new pastor. Rev. Lewis C. Gerbhardt was installed Jan. 18, 1942. The Church provided a 2-bedroom parsonage adjacent to the 1919 wooden church on the original 2 lots. Two adjoining lots were purchased later in 1942.



Confirmation Nov. 1942 Edwin Prange, James Tippin, Rev. Gerbhardt, Marion Mattmueller & Betty Christensen.



Pastor Lewis Gerbhardt & Hazel E. Metz (Creston, Ohio) were married Feb. 12, 1946. Hazel served with the Navy WAVES in Vero Beach starting Sept. 1944; working in the Air Control Center. The Gerbhardts had 4 children: Dolly Thompson, Ann Holmes, Linda Ball and Michael Gerbhardt.