

### ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

By 1894, the number of Finnish-speaking people in town had increased so that a Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Church was organized, and in 1907-08 a church building was erected on Glendale Street at a cost of \$8,000 and dedicated in June 1908. A parsonage was built in 1928 at a cost of \$6,225. It had no synodical connection until November 10, 1908 when it affiliated with the Suomi Synod. Rev. John Vartianen was the pastor at the time. A Sunday School was organized in 1906; Ladies' Aid Society in 1906. They had fourteen pastors up to 1934. There were one hundred seventy-five members in 1934 at the 40th anniversary celebration at which Jacob Laurila, chairman of the celebration committee, recited a history of the church. In 1967 the church moved to a new building over the town line in Sudbury, at the junction of Great Road and Waltham Street. Rev. Larry K. Wolff is Pastor at present.