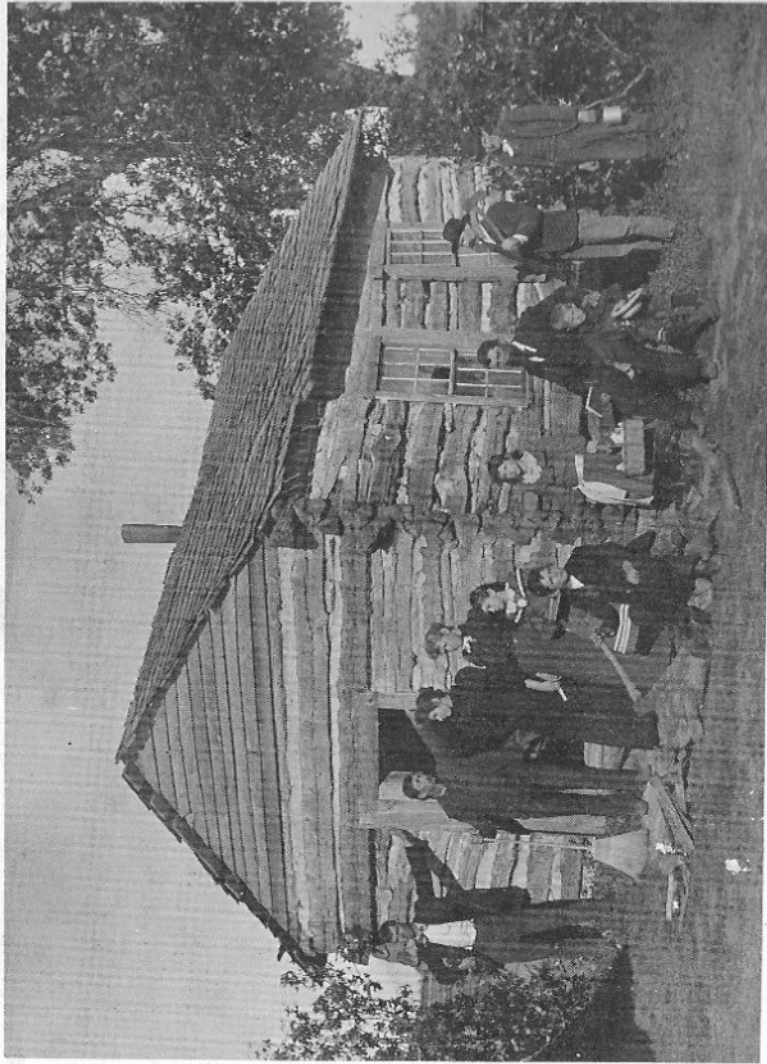


"A Century Of Grace"
1868-1968



Yellowstone Lutheran Church

Argyle, Wisconsin



One of the first log cabins where school and services were held.

History of Yellowstone Lutheran Church 1868--1968

Over a century ago our forefathers, the Vikings and Norsemen from the land of the midnight sun, looked westward to the land beyond the sea from whence came news of unlimited opportunities. Men, women and children embarked on a strange adventure to explore the land and carve out homes for themselves among the hills of Wisconsin. As the boats were small and with limited space they could bring with them only the necessary items needed for the long journey. After they were settled they depended mostly on nature for food such as wild game, fish and vegetation which were plentiful. At first they lived in dugouts and later log cabins.

Some of the men who bought land and filed claim at Mineral Point were Erick Olson Dalen who came in 1850, Andrew, Gunder and Jens Finnerud 1853, Nels L. Nelson Sjaaheim 1853, Hans Erickson, Andreas Olson Karnebru, Ole Everson, Elling Paulson Tronerud, Peter Larson Bilden, Ever Everson Ringen, Peter Paulson, John Johnson Narvestua, Ole Phillipson Raastad, Hans Carlson, the Goodmans, Jacksons and others.

Places of worship were held in homes and log cabins in the territory. It is noteworthy that these rugged pioneers remembered the God of their fathers though they lived in a strange land. They brought with them their Bibles, the Catechism, devotional books and the hymnbook. There was family altar and instruction in the home. At the very time when they were busy building their own homes from native stone and logs they did not forget to plan for a house of worship where they could bring their young to the Lord in Holy Baptism, share with one another the life giving Gospel and in time of sorrow comfort one another.

It was in 1844 that the first services were held in the vicinity of Yellowstone in a log cabin which served both home, school and church. It was also in 1844 that the Wiota congregation was organized with Rev. J. W. Dietrickson, a young pastor from Nor-

way who not only served the congregation but traveled about in the various settlements ministering to the sick, instructing the young and was their spiritual advisor and comforter. He was often called upon in a legal capacity. To attend services meant walking many miles to East Wiota as that was the only church in the settlement. The Wiota Parish was called Norsk Evangelistic Lutherisk Menighed and of course the Norwegian language was used. The Wiota Parish consisted of territory extending into Wiota, Jordan, Yellowtown (as it was then called) and west towards Darlington.

The following pastors served these communities:

- Rev. J. W. Dietrickson 1844-1846
- Rev. C. L. Clausen 1846-1853
- Rev. Johan Storm Munsh 1853-1859
- Rev. H. C. Preuss 1859-1863
- Rev. P. M. Brodahl 1863-1867
- Rev. K. K. Helland 1867-1876

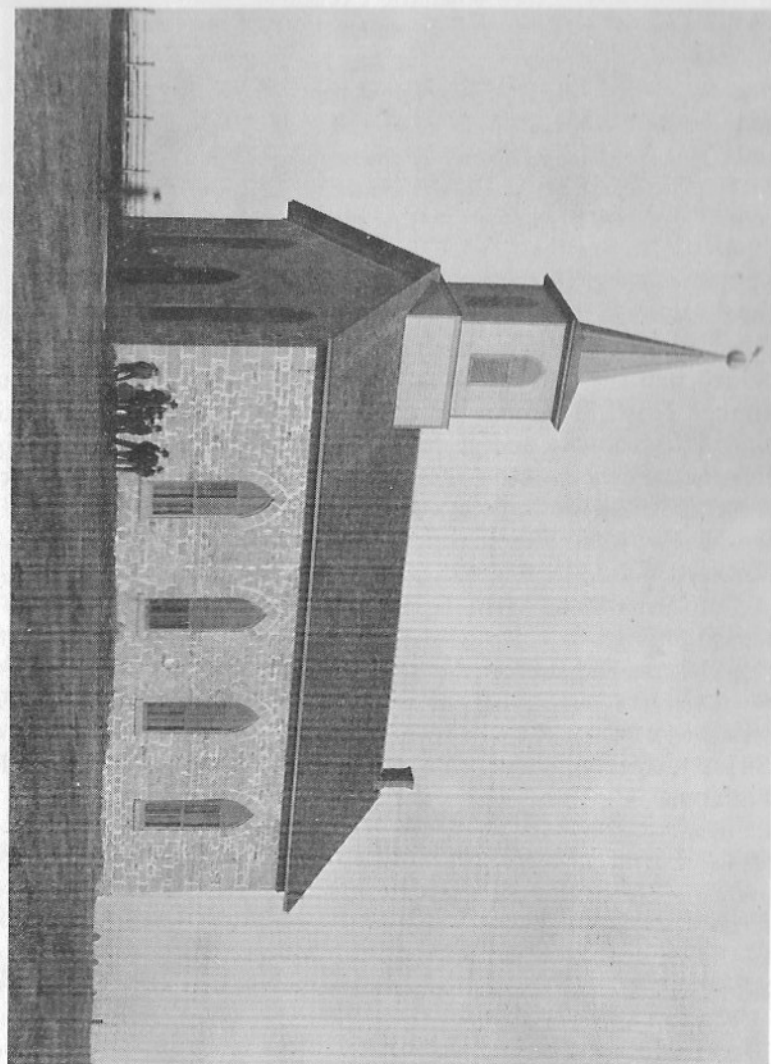
Names from Yellowstone who were active in the Wiota Parish were: Lars Sjaaheim Nelson, Thor Phillipson, Peder Larson Bilden, Andrew Ingwell, Elling Phillipson Raastad, Elling Phillipson Tronrud, Ever Ringen Everson, Thore Thompson, Andrew Raasom, Jens Ingwell.

It was not easy to collect dues for the church in those days as there was little income. At one time each farmer paid 1 cent for each bushel of grain harvested. All tilling of the soil was done by hand with crude equipment which also was made by hand.

It was during the pastorate of Rev. K. K. Helland that the decision was made to build a church in the Yellowstone community. The first location discussed was near the present Mud Branch-Beam Ridge territory where there still is a small cemetery. Ole Phillipson was the owner of the land. There were several monuments but through the years these have crumbled and become weather beaten so the inscription is not readable. The present location was more centrally located. Three acres were bought from Peter and Mary Jackson December 26, 1863, for fifteen (\$15.00) dollars where the church now stands. It was a curious fact that the church was built first and the congregation was not organized until November 11, 1889, and recorded November 16, 1889, and recorded November 16, 1889. The first adult buried in the present cemetery was Karen Olson Ingwell (Finnerud), buried in April, 1865.

Rev. K. K. Helland was born September 29, 1822, in Norway. He studied there and came to America. He was pastor at

Yellowstone Lutheran Church in 1900.



Wiota 1866-1876. He went back to Norway and was sogneprest at Nessedal. Oure Telemarken 1877-1884. He was married to Ovedia Clausen in 1867. Rev. Helland died in 1910.

The church was to be built of rock at a cost of \$5500.00. It is the same size today with the exception of a tower and narthex added and in later years an educational unit and sacristy. The building is well preserved as it has been redecorated and repaired from time to time and with new furniture it is a beautiful house of worship. The actual cost of the church is as follows: L. Rood and Co., Monroe, furnished material for \$814.61. A contract with H. L. Nash to build the church at \$2000.00 plus added material and extra labor made his bill \$491.27 additional or \$2491.27. Dodge and Churchill to plane lumber or boards \$18.45; John Hendrickson, Argyle, for hardware \$52.30; James Dain and Day for welding \$16.00; J. Shultz for lime \$32.70; H. Bates for rock \$2.50. Bills for local people \$464.21. These included hauling water, rocks on stoneboats with horses and hauling lumber from Monroe. At that time the roads were sometimes almost impassable and it took several days to make the trip to Monroe. Perry Jackson recalls that his father, Renhardt Jackson, remarked that the wagons and stoneboats would break down from the heavy loads. The members furnished boards or material which was credited according to value. Even when the gold rush was on in California some went to try their luck and if they were fortunate enough to bring gold back with them they could pay their church dues and subscriptions with gold nuggets.

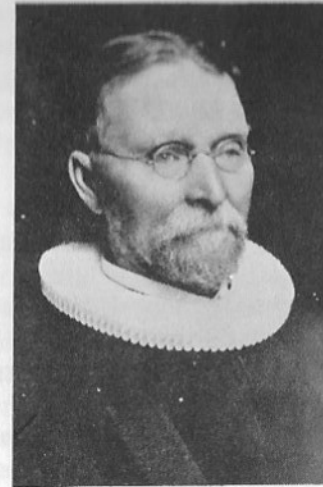
All left over material was sold at an auction for \$18.10. Stone was quarried from several nearby quarries and hauled with horses and stoneboats. No modern equipment was available at that time.



REV. K. K. HELLAND
1867-1876



REV. DR. C. C. AAS
1876-1883



Pastor A. M. Saevig
1884-1903



Ever Everson
First Treasurer
of Yellowstone Congregation

According to the secretary's book, 1868, Henry Johnson was the first secretary of Yellowstone Lutheran Church; we are to pay 2/5ths of Rev. K. Helland's salary or \$50.00; Ole Phillipson was our trustee in 1870; Ever Everson Ringen was treasurer.

The first secretary book dated 1868-1919 is written in the Norwegian language and is very complete. The pastor, K. K. Helland and three trustees signed the first secretary report: Ingvald Olson, Andreas Olson and Lars Larson (Ringen). The treasurer's book dated from 1868-1919 gives in detail all income and expenses.

There were three districts and in 1868 the trustees collected \$2133.00 but as the expense of building together with the pastor's salary of \$150.00 a year and other expenses came to more, a subscription was taken up in 1873. Several members pledged and paid \$100.00 each and others less but this amounted to \$2272.13. Those who pledged were Asle Gunderson, Lars Bertelson, Lars Nelson Sjaaheim, Iver Everson, August Midlien, Peder Gjakson, Albert Hanson, Hans Carlson, Gulbran Anderson, Jacob Halvorson, John Hanson, John Jacobson, Thomas Olson, Hans Marstad, Phillip Mollen, Ole Phillipson, Thor Phillipson, Andrew Jenson, Lars Kinaas, Peder Olson, Lars Ringdalen, Gulbran Thompson, Ole Thoreson, Lars Nielson Stuble, Paul Larson, Halvor Gregerson, John Johnson, Ingebredt Severson, Abraham John-

son, Elling Paulson, Peder Paulson, Per Larson Bilden, Peder Paulson, Per Larson Bilden, Peder Abrahamson, David Davidson, Martin Nilsdru, Jens Gaardsrud, John Olson Eggusta, Martin Iver-son, Gunder Finnerud, Ole Wang, John Hanson, Andrew Finne-
rud, Tobias Loken, Jens Finnerud, Hans Christianson, Andreas Olson, Hans Loken, Erick Olson and Halvor Christianson.

Timber land was bought from George Stewart but at his request he bought it back for the same price as he received and also paid taxes and interest.

A. A. Fallestad was klokker and school teacher. He was to receive \$.50 or ½ bushel of wheat from each family.

On June 4, 1870 another 3 acres of land was bought from Peter and Mary Jenson for \$15.00.

In 1876 Rev. Carl C. Aas became our pastor. He served until 1884. It was during his pastorate that final settlement was made with the Wiota Parish as Yellowstone will have its own congregation but he served by the pastor in Wiota. Adams also requested services of Rev. Aas.

At this time it was decided to have an offering at the confirmation service which was to help defray the debt on the church building. They paid \$494.50 as their share in the new parsonage at Wiota.

In 1878 a bell weighing 500 pounds was bought costing \$50.00. It was decided to have the annual meeting in December.

In 1879 the church steeple was repaired and a new stove was bought for the church.

In 1883 a committee of three men namely, Lars Nelson Sjaaheim, Andreas Olson and Lars Olson met with Wiota and Jordan to call a pastor as Rev. Aas resigned. Pastor O. P. Syfestad agreed to serve until a new pastor could be secured. He served part of 1884. There were six districts and a majority of 2/3rds was necessary to conduct a meeting.

Rev. O. M. Savig was our pastor from 1884-1903. Pastor Savig was born in Trondhjem, Norway, July 31, 1849. He was ordained 1880 in Norske Synod. He attended school in Norway, Luther College 1876-77 and Seminary 1877-80. He served parishes at Koshkonong, Wisconsin 1880-84, Wiota 1884-1903, Duluth, Minnesota 1903-05, Peterson, Minnesota until 1922. He married Augusta Stokke in 1880 and she died in 1886. He married Angeline Nelson in 1892 and she died in 1944; Pastor Savig died May 28, 1931, and is buried in the Yellowstone Cemetery beside his wife, Angeline.

As there was great interest in mission work and the women had not taken active part in the activities of the church they decided to organize into several groups. So it was that they were called Kvindeforening, Kvindemission or Ladies Aid.

The first Kvindeforening was organized in 1884 at the home of Ole Gilbertson Sogn with 10 charter members, Mrs. Randa Sogn and daughters, Christine and Clara, Mrs. Kjerste Larson Sorlie and daughter, Caroline, Mrs. Kari Bakken, Mrs. Kari Hendrickson, Mrs. Karen Nelson Sjaahem, Mrs. Karine Nelson, Mrs. Gubjor Peterson. Mrs. Sogn was elected president and Mrs. Karen Sjaaheim, treasurer. They paid \$.10 for lunch and all proceeds were sent to missions. The Pastor held devotions. The ladies brought their handwork and sewed while the pastor read from a missionary publication or missiontidende. All programs were conducted in the Norwegian language. Many pairs of mittens, socks, shirts, pillowcases, quilts and aprons were donated to the Wittenberg Home for the Aged. The lunch consisted of two things, doughnuts and cookies and cake or coffee. They were penalized \$5.00 if they served more.

As the territory around Yellowstone was very large, another Ladies Aid was organized in 1886 in the northern part with eight charter members, Mrs. Gunder Ingwell, Mrs. Andrew Ingwell, Mrs. Olia Hanson, Mrs. Martin Larson, Mrs. Erich Olson, Mrs. Pete Olia Hanson, Mrs. Martin Larson, Mrs. Erich Olson, Mrs. Peter Hanson, Mrs. Carrie Watrud, Mrs. Olina Lokken. Mrs. Carrie Watrud was elected president and Mrs. Olina Lokken, treasurer.

In 1889 a central kvindeforening was organized at the home of John Nelson Sjaaheim with eighteen charter members, Mrs. Ever Hanson (Ringen), Mrs. Ole Phillipson (Raastad), Mrs. Thor Phillipson (Raastad), Mrs. Ole Gunderson (Dalen), Mrs. Andrew Peterson (Snuta), Mrs. Hans Johnson (Kjevlingstuen), Mrs. Ole Hanson (Ershtua), Mrs. Abraham Johnson (Eggersta), Mrs. Ingwell Olson (Midthia), Mrs. Peterson Larson (Bilden), Mrs. John Nelson (Sjaaheim), Mrs. Peter Olson (Raastad), Mrs. John Johnson (Narvestuan), Mrs. Christopher Martin (Runrudstuen), Mrs. Jacob Olson (Ogarden), Mrs. Peter Granberg, Mrs. Jens Jackson (Garsrue) John Nelson president and Mrs. Ole Gunderson treasurer. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Larson (Bilden) were married at the first meeting. Mrs. Larson was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Nelson.

In 1889 these three kvindeforenings gave \$168.82 to the church for mission work, a carpet for \$9.75 was bought and

three dozen chairs for \$3.00. Outside restrooms were built and the church was painted.

York asked for Pastor Savig's services. Blue Mounds kredts met at Yellowstone in the fall of 1889 and Yellowstone joined the Forenede Synod. Lars Nelson Sjaahem was a delegate to the meeting. It was the first time that the ladies were asked to collect dues.

At each annual meeting complete reports were given by pastor, secretary and treasurer, trustee and school teacher. The janitor's duties were to ring the bell before services and all funerals ring the bell three times after the last prayer, keep church and lamps clean and clean church yard twice a year.

The pastor receives fees for baptism, burial and confirmation and a salary of \$200.00 a year.

Parochial school was held by A. A. Fallstad.

The church was insured for \$1600.00 value. A new fence of three boards and one barb wire overall was built by Ingwell Olson for \$114.00 and a stall for the pastor's horses and a shed for \$145.00.

Although the church was built in 1868 it was not until a special meeting was held October 31st and November 10, 1889, that the church was incorporated. A certificate of organization was given to The Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran church of Yellowstone with the following signers: Ever Hanson, Peter Olson, Elling Paulson, Abraham Johnson, Ole Paulson, Renhart Jackson, Jacob Olson, Ingvold Olson, Peter Peterson, Hans Jenson, Ole Hanson, Peter Larson, A. A. Fallestad, Andrew Pauslon, Lars Larson, and signed by H. D. Rogers, Justice of the Peace for the town of Argyle, Lafayette County, Wisconsin.

In 1891 Ever Everson signed the deed with Wiota and Jordan, A. A. Meland for Wiota and J. J. Iverson for Jordan.

At the annual meeting Pastor Savig presided as chairman and A. A. Fallestad as secretary. The 1891 statistics reported by Pastor Savig were 22 baptized, 7 confirmed, 3 marriages, 12 funerals, visited the sick 10 times, read with the confirmands 20 times and had 20 services.

At this time 3 rods were inserted through the church for support. In 1891 as usual the clean up day for the cemetery was held. The men worked and in order to start an organ fund the women served dinner. A monument representative was to be on hand to repair any monument that needs repair or if this is impossible have some cement ready so the men can do the work.

A Peloubet or Pelbou organ has been on approval which was bought. Miss Maria Jackson was the first organist and A. A. Fallestad klokker. A lamp fund was started. The organist received the confirmation offering.

In 1893 Mr. A. A. Fallestad resigned. Lars Nelson Sjaahem served as klokker for a year and then Mr. A. M. Fjeldseth was called as klokker (choir director, klokker and teacher). He was to receive \$.60 from each family for five months of school. Evidently the common school was not considered as important as parochial school. He boarded and had lodging at the homes in the community. There were new members each year. School was held at different places: Farmers Dist. 20 days, Northern Dist. 20 days, at church 23 days, Southern Dist. 15 days, for a total of 78 days. Some paid one to seven days for each child.

In 1896 the first choir was organized. They were Oscar Johnson, Joseph Johnson, Ever Jackson, Ida Everson, Alvilda Jackson, Plety Olson, Rose Jackson, Maria Paulson, Lizzie Everson, A. M. Fjeldseth, director; Maria Jackson, organist; Caroline Johnson Everson, Clara Olson and Albert Larson.

At this time the secretary and janitor were delegated to drape the communion rail and pulpit in black for a funeral. This custom was followed for many years.

In 1895 and 1896 there were special offerings for the synodical budget, the pastors widows fund, home missions and the church extension fund.

A new roof was needed on the church and some repair work was done, also the horse stalls were built. Ludwig Ladell was janitor for a number of years. He received \$.60 for digging a grave.

As some had not paid their dues the trustees were asked to call a second time in order to get enough money in the treasury. If unable to pay, they were asked to bring their complaints or reason for not paying before the annual meeting.

In 1900 A. M. Fjeldseth resigned and L. E. Troan was secured as teacher with Lars Nelson Sjaahem as klokker or song leader. The membership at this time was 500 but as the Apple Grove church was built in 1893 several members who lived in that community joined Apple Grove. There were 142 voting members, 92 families, 21 baptisms, 20 confirmed, 3 couples married, 262 communicants, 20 services conducted, and the pastor also reported he met with the confirmands 22 times, made 11 sick calls and 11 funerals. As was customary at that time there were 3 catechizations or the instruction of confirmands by question before the congregation. L. E. Troan resigned as teacher.



Yellowstone Lutheran Church First Choir



First Yellowstone Parsonage

In 1903 Rev. O. M. Savig resigned because of ill health. He served the Wiota parish almost 19 years. A resolution to extend a grateful thank you to Savig for his long services was signed by a committee consisting of Henry Dahlen, Stephen Stephenson and Ole Nelson Sjaaheim.

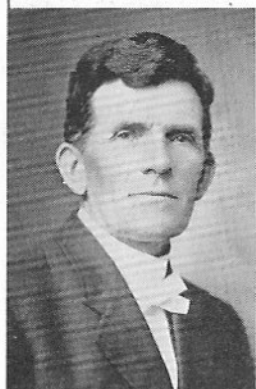
It was advisable at this time to divide the Wiota parish into two parishes, Wiota and Jordan and Apple Grove, Yellowstone and Hollandale. A committee to decide on the parsonage settlement at Wiota was Casper Olson, Renhart Jackson and Andrew Paulson. Four men from Yellowstone met with Apple Grove and Hollandale. They were Ole Gilbertson, Martin Larson, Peter Olson and Abraham Johnson. Forty acres of land were sold to Wiota and a share in the parsonage valued at \$4000.00. Yellowstone's share was \$1600.00.

Rev. J. A. Wang became our pastor in 1903-1904. Born December 30, 1854, in Trondalag, Norway. He attended Luther Seminary 1880-83, was pastor at Alpena, Michigan; Stoughton, Wisconsin; Woodford, Wisconsin; manager of Home Institutions, Homme Children's Home, editor of Gommel og Ung and Waisenhus Kalender. He married Mollie Thompson. Rev. Wang died December 30, 1935. At this time Mr. Himmelie was teacher.

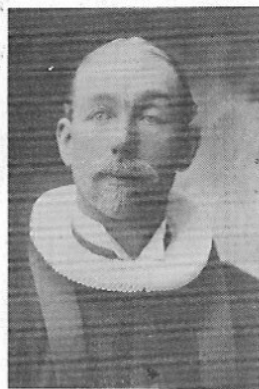
Services were held at Apple Grove, 14 Sundays a year, Yellowstone, 20 services a year and Hollandale, 16 services a year.

Several joint meetings were held between Apple Grove, Yellowstone and Hollandale before the final decision was made to build a parsonage near the Yellowstone church. Fifteen acres were bought from Mrs. Emily Jackson for \$1000.00. Other costs of the parsonages were carpenters Severson and Lewis \$670.00; boarding carpenters to Johnson Bros. \$111.47; drilling well, J. R. Coffey \$120.50; windmill and pump, Blanchard Bros. \$97.00; barn basement stone wall, Alvin Peterson, \$187.00; digging cellar \$12.00; stone for cellar \$56.00 to Wm. Jackson and a lumber bill of \$1343.53 making a total cost of \$3,597.50. Hollandale agreed to pay \$600.00 toward the parsonage if it was built near the Yellowstone church. Apple Grove \$649.35 and Yellowstone \$705.65. Mr. A. M. Fjeldseth returned to be parochial school teacher.

In 1904 Rev. P. J. Johnson became the pastor of Yellowstone, Apple Grove and Hollandale parish. He was born in Norway Grove, Wisconsin, attended Mt. Horeb academy, St. Olaf College, University of Wisconsin and Luther Seminary and was ordained in 1904. He was pastor at Blanchardville, Wisconsin, 1904-1912; Kindred, North Dakota, 1912-1941. He married Emma Knudsten 1909.



Rev. J. A. Wang
1903-04



Rev. P. J. Johnson
1904-12



Rev. M. P. Dommersnes
1912-19

Pastor Johnson wrote the Ladies Aid constitution in the Norwegian language. He served as president of the Ladies Aid for six years. The explanation book for school was changed to Sverdrups Forklarning.

A new fence and hitch posts were installed at the church, repair on the chicken house at the parsonage and the parsonage painted were the improvements during the year.

No more graves or lots were to be sold near the upper end of the cemetery but to use the space in the lower end. There was a request that Pastor Johnson have some English services. A Dorcas Society for the younger women was organized and the Luther League continued to meet. Pastor and Mrs. O. M. Savig became members of Yellowstone congregation. Ole Gilbertson and J. O. Johnson were delegates to the church meetings at St. Paul.

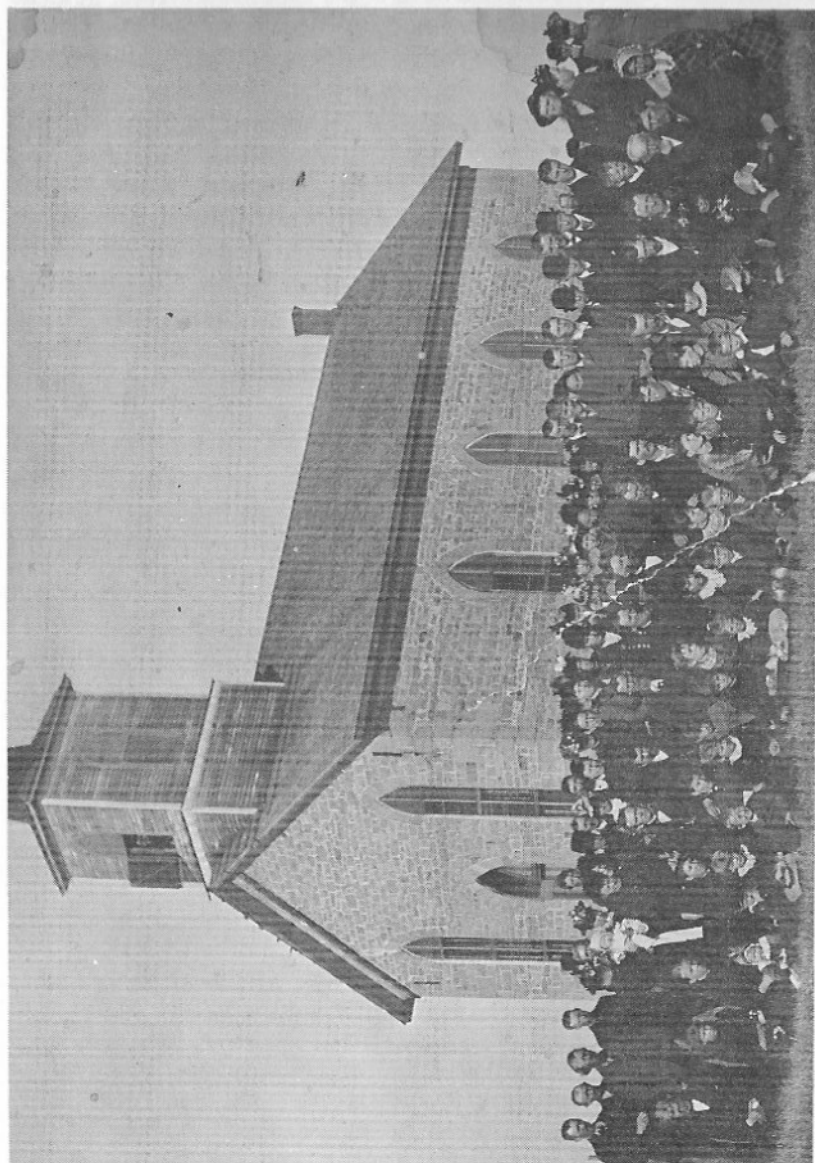
Rev. M. P. Dommersnes became our pastor in 1912 to 1919. He was born January 18, 1864 at Sveio, Hardaland, Norway and immigrated in 1885. He attended Northfield Seminary 1888-90 Augsburg Seminary 1890-91, was pastor at Cresco, Iowa; Denver, Colorado; Eugene, Oregon; Butte, Montana; Blanchardville, Wisconsin and Bonners Ferry, Idaho. He was interim pastor at Soldiers Grove, Wittenberg and Beloit, Wisconsin. He married Ranghild Lee in 1891 and she died in 1909. He married Mrs. Amanda Goli in 1915. Pastor Dommersnes died in 1942 and is buried in Yellowstone cemetery.

At this time a census of the membership was taken. Several improvements were made on the church. The basement was excavated and a new furnace was installed. A tower was built, including the moving of the steeple from the main building to the tower and narthex. The narthex and tower were built by Theo. Vollen, Alvin Peterson and Ole Kammerud at a cost of \$2541.00. Art glass windows were installed. Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Johnson Eggersta, donated one window and their son, Joe Johnson, donated one. To pay for all these improvements a dinner and bazaar was held in May on Decoration Day. The children gave a program in the morning followed by dinner and bazaar. This custom held for many years.

Some repairs were made on the parsonage. The cemetery was leveled as some lots were higher than others. Lots were sold 16x16 for \$10.00. Spattoons were bought to insure cleanliness in the church.

The annual meetings were an all day affair with the ladies serving lunch. Mrs. John O. Johnson was president of the Ladies Aid and Mrs. Jacob Olson, treasurer. Parochial school was taught from four to six weeks at different school houses in the community. By this time the public school was held seven to eight months and school houses were built.

Rev. J. H. Lawrence was born in 1888 in Oslo, Norway, and immigrated in 1909. He attended St. Olaf College and Augsburg Seminary. He was pastor at Ashland, Wisconsin; Blanchardville, from 1919 to 1922 and pastor and superintendent at Luth-



eran Hospital, Dodgeville, Wis. He married Mathilda Torgerson in 1916.

In 1921 the women were permitted to vote at meetings. A new organ was installed. Miss Maria Jackson was organist for the first year and then Mrs. Lawrence became organist. The pastor was to receive \$600.00 a year and no offerings. The janitor was to receive \$10.00 for each grave and \$100.00 from the congregation.

Devotions at the Ladies Aid were conducted mostly in the English language. Sometimes the pastor held devotions and often the president of the Ladies Aid conducted the meeting. The Ladies Aid was nearly always held at the homes or some room in either Argyle or Blanchardville.

Pastor S. C. Benson was pastor of the Yellowstone, Apple Grove and Hollandale parish from 1922 to 1934. He was born in Beloit, Wis. He attended St. Olaf College and Luther Seminary and was ordained in 1917. Rev. Benson served parishes at Galata, Montana; Whitefish, Montana, and Blanchardville, Wis. He married Esther Hanson Lawrence in 1917.

In 1922 Mr. Christianson redecorated the interior of the church at a cost of \$800.00. The pews were cut off at the end near the wall. A new chimney was built on the north side of the church. Pastor Benson published the Parish Visitor which contained pictures and items of interest to the parish. He requested permission to move to Blanchardville which was granted on condition that the parsonage be rented to a reliable person. Many joint meetings were held with Apple Grove and Hollandale in regard to selling the parsonage. Some were in favor of buying a house in Blanchardville and others, mostly from Yellowstone, felt that the added expense was not necessary. This caused a con-



Rev. J. H. Lawrence
1919-22



Rev. Axel Anderson and family



Rev. S. C. Benson

trovcrsy and so after much pro and con it was decided that Yellowstone become a one point parish and Apple Grove, Trinity and Hollandale form a new parish. Pastor Benson had preached in Blanchardville for several years as often as time permitted. Perry Phillipson, Lewis Goodman and Perry Jackson were the call committee.

In 1935 Rev. Axel Anderson became our pastor. He was born October 5, 1903 at Colfax, Wisconsin. Rev. Anderson graduated from St. Olaf College and Luther Seminary. He served parishes at Rickney, Montana; Argyle, Wisconsin; Big Timber, Montana; DeForest, Wisconsin and was Rocky Mountain District Stewardship Secretary. He married Frances Carey in 1929.

The envelope system was first used in 1935. There were 22 new members who joined the church. Non members were to pay \$3.00 for the use of the church for burial services.

The Womens Missionary Federation of the Mt. Horeb Circuit held its fall meeting at Yellowstone. Mrs. Joe Martin was secretary, an office she held four years. Mrs. Axel Anderson was treasurer and Mrs. Elmer Olson was circuit secretary for Life Membership and In Memorium.

In 1935 a new parsonage was built in Argyle as the old one was sold for approximately \$4000.00 and Yellowstone's share which was 1/2 was about \$2580.63. The building committee was



Yellowstone Parsonage, 1935 — Argyle, Wis.

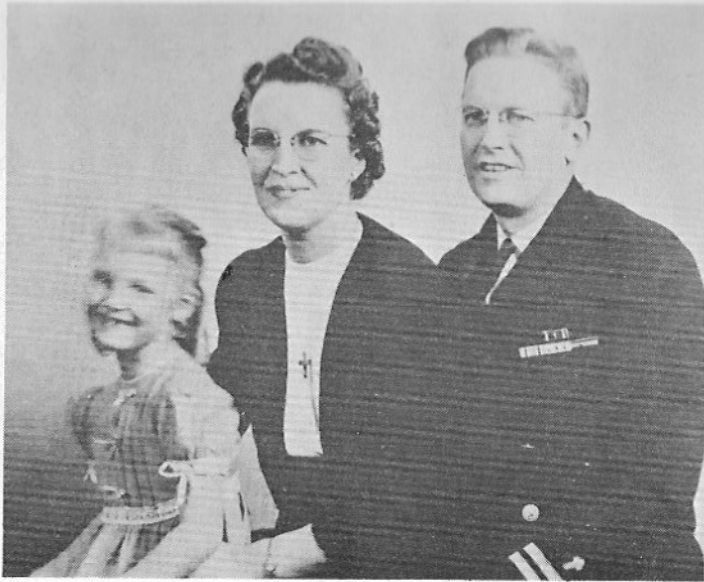
Wm. Granberg, Martin Paulson, Orville Watkins, and Joe Johnson. The collecting committee was Ed Everson, Ed Phillipson, Elmer Olson and Elmer Paulson.

Up to this time the services were conducted in both the Norwegian and English language with Norwegian every 6th Sunday. The new constitution was adopted and a copy filed in the secretary's book. Each member was urged to pay more to the church in order to pay the old debt. As in previous years the annual meeting was all day. The Ladies Aid and Luther League paid for wiring the church. All organizations were very active and helped to pay expenses. Most of the Ladies Aid meetings were held in the Community Building at Argyle and in the bank rooms at Blanchardville. Besides the bazaar and chicken dinner we held the Norwegian supper and food sale. Five hundred dollars was always given to missions, that being our first concern.

The Sunday School was organized in 1935 with an enrollment of over 100. Sunday School began on Easter Sunday and continued to Christmas when the children gave a Christmas program. There were eight teachers.

Pastor Axel Anderson resigned and the call committee appointed was Kenneth Gunderson, Melvin Phillipson, Wm. Granberg and Joe Martin.

Rev. George C. Strum served as pastor from 1940 to 1943 and 1946 to 1948. Rev. Strum was born April 1, 1910 a native of Oconomowoc, Wisconsin. He graduated from Luther College, Decarh, Iowa, and Luther Theological Seminary. He served con-



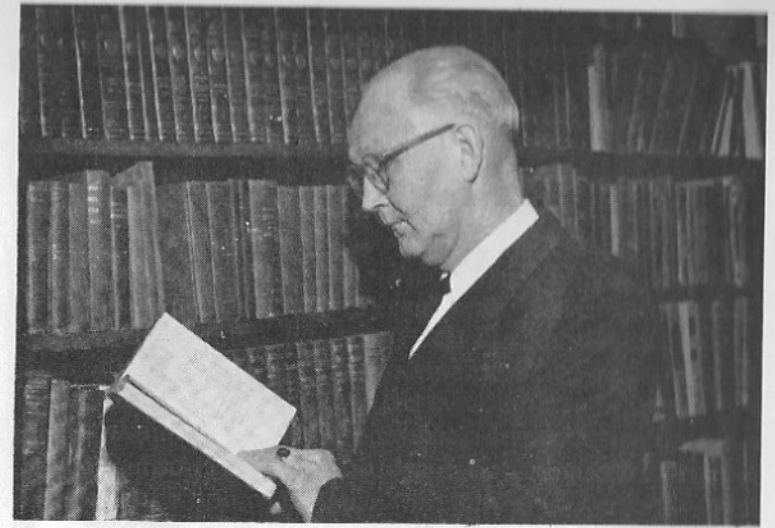
Rev. George C. Strum and family
1940-43 1946-48

gregations at Centuria and Milltown, Wisconsin; Argyle, Wisconsin; a Navy chaplain from 1943 to 1945; Ettrick, Wisconsin, and Clear Lake, Iowa. He married Arlene Allison in 1937.

The Yellowstone Lutheran Messenger was published by Rev. Strum. A new furnace for \$927.00 was installed and the basement enlarged. The electric light system was hooked up to the high line or REA. The kitchen with built-in cupboards was a much added improvement. Many improvements were made as memorials were donated to new furniture such as pews, altar, pulpit, baptismal font, etc. The old pews were sold for \$17.40 Key City Decorative Glass Works, Dubuque, Iowa, repaired the windows of the church for \$300.00.

The Ladies Aid continued to take part in the various activities of the church such as mission boxes, thank offerings, box work, cradle roll and each year continued to contribute \$500.00 to missions.

Rev. Strum was called as chaplain of the United States Navy during World War II and was granted a leave of absence. The Robert Hawley family occupied the parsonage while Rev. Strum was absent. Rev. A. P. Anderson, pastor of the Free Church at

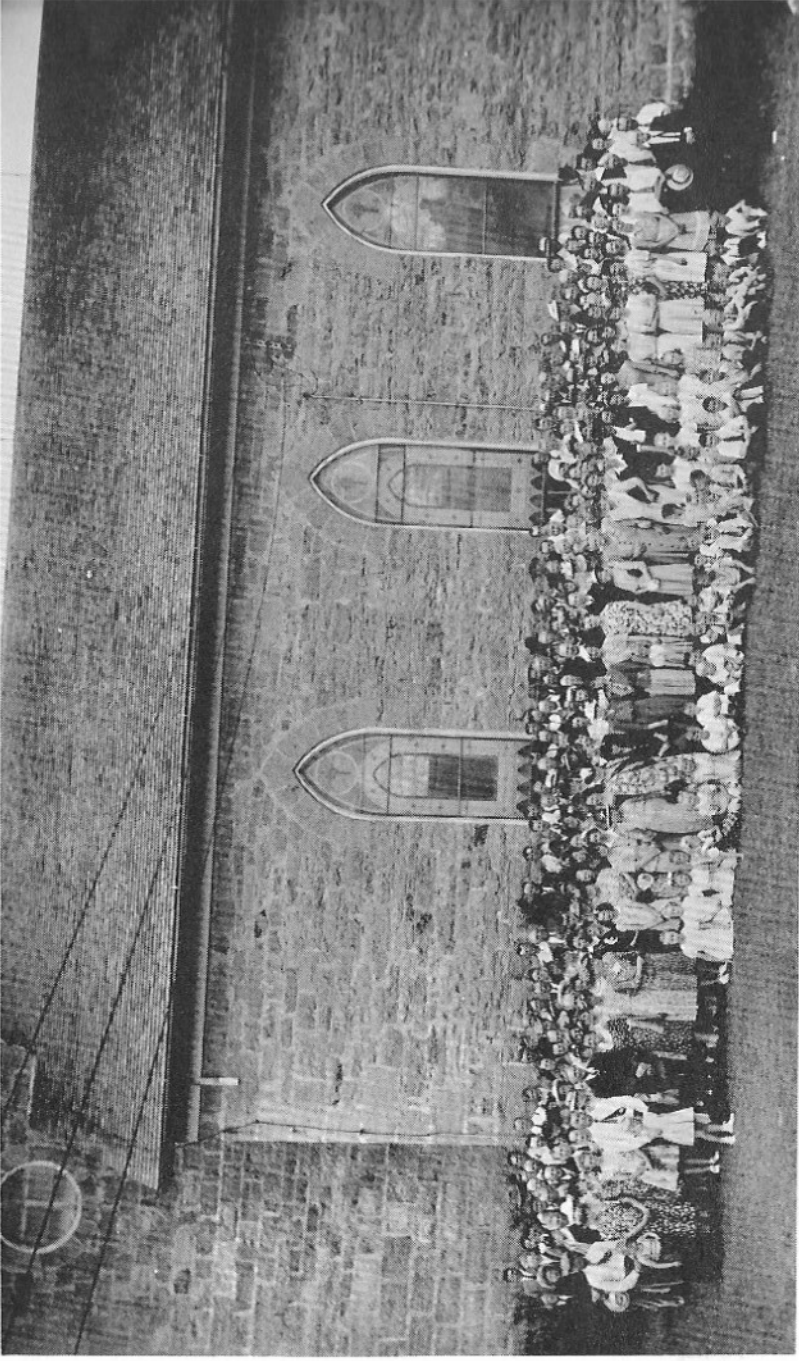


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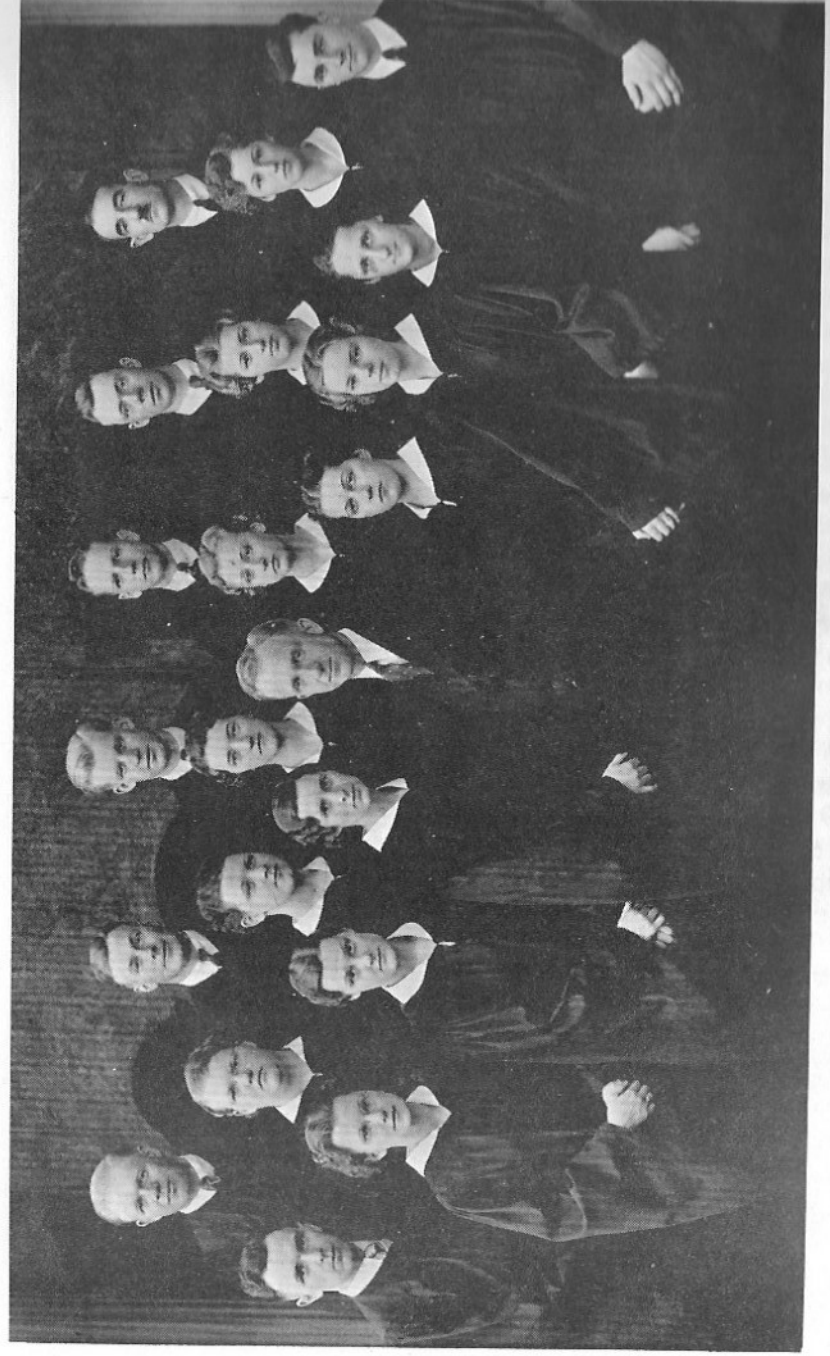
Argyle agreed to serve us in lieu of a resident pastor. Services were conducted every other Sunday.

In 1944 Yellowstone celebrated its 75th anniversary on June 18th. The anniversary committee consisted of Melvin Phillipson, Miss Alice Everson and Mrs. Alvin Paulson. Pastor O. I. Rossing of Cloquet, Minnesota, was the anniversary speaker. He was interested in Yellowstone in a special way as his grandparents were early members of the parent church at Wiota. After a cafeteria dinner the afternoon session began with a history of the different organizations of the church. Ole Kammerud gave the history of the congregation. Mrs. Elmer Olson read the history of the Ladies Aid, Mrs. Joe Martin gave the history of the Sunday School, Ole Lien reviewed the history of the Luther League and Kenneth Gunderson gave a brief history of the choir. Rev. Gerhardt Gunderson, president of the Mt. Horeb Circuit gave the afternoon address. He stressed the fact that four walls do not make the church but needed, too, is the solid, Christian character of its members. Greeting were read from Chaplain Strum, the Savig family and Mrs. Sletten of Lennox, North Dakota. Mrs. Mathilda Lawrence brought greetings as did Mrs. George Strum, Pastors C. Benson, Martin Olson and I. A. Lavik.

The evening session was arranged by the Luther League and centered its thought around the men in the armed services of our country. There were 21 young men from the congregation who



75th Anniversary — June 22, 1943



Original Choir Under Rev. Axel Anderson

were serving their country. The evening offering of \$30.00 was sent to Chaplain Strum to be used as he saw fit. A large display of old pictures revealing scenes of long ago provided interesting to old and young.

In 1945 the Aid gave Life Membership and In Memorium pins to Mrs. Hannah Johnson and Mary Paulson. The library was organized at this time. In 1946 the Womens Missionary Federation of the Mt. Horeb Circuit met at the church with a very good attendance.

In 1946 Pastor George Strum returned to Yellowstone. A Hammond electric organ was installed in 1947 by the Luther League. Contributions from members of the church and the Ladies Aid helped in this project. Mr. Stensby of Boscobel washed and redecorated the inside of the church in 1948. Gate posts at the south entrance of the church yard were erected. The pledge system was initiated pending its approval. A drive was conducted for Skaalen Old Peoples home at Stoughton which had been destroyed by fire.

During these years Mrs. Irene Steiner and Mrs. Clara VonArx served as organists. Emma Hanson served as organist from 1942 to 1963 with Mrs. Milford Paulson as choir director.

August 29, 1948, Rev. Strum gave his farewell sermon.

Rev. M. A. Sorenson served as pastor from 1948 to 1964. Morris Alvin Sorenson was born December 12, 1895, at Clifton, Texas. He attended Clifton College in 1916, was in the U. S. Navy 1918-19, attended Luther College, Luther Seminary and University of Wisconsin. He served parishes at Hazen, North Dakota; McFarland, Wisconsin; Argyle, Wisconsin and Madison, Wisconsin. He married Bertha Megordan in 1921.



Rev. and Mrs.
M. A. Sorenson
1948-64

The first Father-Son banquet was held in 1949. Marshall Ingwell was toastmaster and the main speaker was Rev. Stolen of Stoughton.

The annual reports were to be sent out before the yearly meeting and it was agreed the pledge system should continue. Perry Phillipson agreed to set up signs on the roads leading to the church for directional purposes. In 1950 Rev. Sorenson was asked to conduct services at Perry Lutheran Church in the absence of Rev. Lavik, who was ill.

The first Mother-Daughter banquet was held in 1952. Mrs. Everett Ingwell was toastmistress and Mrs. Helen Johnson from McFarland was the guest speaker.

A furnace room and two restrooms were built in 1953 at the cost of \$602.00. A new furnace was installed costing \$1682.00. The building committee was Orville Chenous, Wm. Granberg, Ole Kammerud, Paul Kipfer and Rev. Sorenson.

The Mt. Horeb Circuit held its spring convention in our church in May 1953 and the W. M. F. Circuit convention in 1959. Two Easter services were held on Easter Sunday, one early and one at the regular 11:00 o'clock service. This was in effect for two years but discontinued.

The insurance on the church and parsonage valuation was raised and divided between Gunderson and the Service Agency. Through the years there were several improvements and repairs, a roof on the parsonage, parsonage painting inside and outside, repair of steeple, deep well pump installed and floor covering of blocks for the balcony and stairway. The sum of \$700.00 was sent for the expansion of Luther Seminary at St. Paul, \$150.00 to Lutheran Welfare Society, \$75.00 to Lutherdale for building, \$50.00 for Lutheran Student Foundation, \$21.00 district fund and \$1800.00 missions. In 1957 the every member visitation P.T.R. was put into effect and is in use today.



Rev. and Mrs.
Morris Sorenson, Jr.
Missionaries to Japan

Pastor Sorenson's son, Pastor Morris Sorenson Jr., and wife were commissioned as missionaries under the foreign program of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and will be going to Japan. He attended Luther College and the seminary. Mrs. Sorenson received her education at St. Olaf College.

The organizations of the church such as A.L.C.W., choir, Jr. choir, Luther League, Men's Club or Brotherhood and Sunday School have been active in contributing not only financially but spiritually by their attendance and loyal support. The Sunday School meets every Sunday during the school year besides having a period of Bible School during the summer. Various members have taught this short course.

The choir which has been directed by Mrs. Milford Paulson with Emma Hanson as organist and the Jr. choir directed by different members has added much to the inspiration of the services.

The Luther League has been an inspiration to our young people. They have taken an active part in Lutherdale Bible Camp each summer, attended Luther League conventions and serves as ushers at services. The Luther League has laid a foundation of religious training for our youth as they go on to other schools or into the service of our country.

The ALCW took part in Life Membership and In Memorium since 1945 by honoring the older women, presenting them with Life Membership pins. This was discontinued in 1961. They enrolled all babies baptized in the Cradle Roll and took part in the Treasure Chest offering and sought to create an interest in family worship. Other activities included food sales, bazaar and Norwegian supper, silent auctions, serving at farm sales and other activities to help financially.

On September 9, 1959, a new parish was formed consisting of the Apple Grove and Yellowstone congregations. Dr. Myron Austinson, District President, attended the joint meeting. Apple Grove will pay 40% of the salary, utilities, car expenses and pension along with \$300.00 rent for use of the parsonage. This meeting was held September 22, 1959. Rev. M. A. Sorenson accepted the call to serve both churches. He will receive \$5000.00 salary, \$300 utilities and \$600 car expense. Services will alternate between the two churches as the hours of 9:30 and 11:00 o'clock. The Sunday School will meet after the early service and before the late service.

In 1960 the merger of three Lutheran Church bodies namely The American, United Evangelical and the Evangelical became

The American Lutheran Church. There are 19 districts. Our Southern Wisconsin District is divided into seven conferences and ours is the Dodgeville Conference. Mrs. Ever Hanson, secretary of stewardship and Mrs. Michael Campbell, secretary of education attended the Dodgeville Conference in the fall. Mrs. Joe Martin was delegate to the American Lutheran Church Women of the Southern Wisconsin District Constituting convention held at Bethel Lutheran Church, Madison, on August 29, 1960. The Lutheran Herald will now be called Lutheran Standard. The Womens Missionary Federation Messenger will be called Scope and the mission boxes will be called Treasure Chests.

The new order of service was adopted and each family donated a hymn book to be used for the services.

Joe Martin was a delegate to the Constituting District convention at Fond du Lac and David Everson attended a meeting at West Allis.

Rev. Sorenson received a loud speaker system from Skaalen Home which he gave to Yellowstone. It was installed with the help of a gift of \$200.00 from Mrs. Margaret Johnson.

In 1960 Mr. Schanbacher redecored the inside of the church for \$2400.00. He gave the altar back drape and a picture of the Lord's Supper. In 1961 new carpeting was installed by the Erickson Furniture Co. for \$1580.00, new flooring by Argyle Lumber Co. for \$873.50 and Reinert Art. Glass Co. repaired the windows for \$390.00.

In 1962 the new one story unit was built to the east side above the furnace room and extending north beyond the church. This will add eight Sunday School rooms and sacristy. The committee consisted of Henry Erickson, Milford Paulson, Kenneth Gunderson, Paul Thompson, Orville Kammerud, Raymond Hanson, Virgil Hendrickson, Mrs. Irene Steiner and Mrs. Agnes Scott. Stone veneer to match the church is to be used. The cost of the addition was as follows: Mr. Stanley Howe of Monroe, architect \$1500.00, Kermit Watkins general contractor \$10,124.50, Anderson Electric \$512.93, Lanz Hardware for furnace \$1411.80, Chris Wahl, Painting \$322.75 and Iannoni stone for \$4520.00 or a total of \$18,391.98. Steeple repair was done by Phillip Meyer and Son of Highland for \$696.00. Dr. Austinson dedicated the addition on December 2, 1962.

Rev. Sorenson resigned as of July 31, 1964.

On March 10, 1964, a joint meeting with Dr. Austinson was



Pastor and Mrs. Metz and Stephen and Glenda

held to decide on a pastor. He submitted the following names, Rev. Isaac Paulson, Rev. Palmer Wahl, Rev. Hector Gunderson, Rev. Arneson, Rev. Randall Metz and Rev. Kalmoe. On the 4th ballot Rev. Metz received 44 votes and Rev. Arneson 28. A letter was extended to Pastor Metz which he accepted April 2, 1964. Rev. Sorenson had his farewell sermon on July 12. The committee to take care of the remodeling and painting of the parsonage were Mrs. Arne Finhert, Mrs. LeRoy Paulson, David Everson and Ross Alm.

Pastor Randall J. Metz was born May 18, 1938, at Gillett, Wisconsin. He attended St. Olaf College and Luther Theological Seminary. He served his seminary internship at First Lutheran Church, Minot, North Dakota, under the guidance of Dr. H. B. Kildahl, Jr. He married Nola Gigstad in 1962.

Communion services will be held the last Sunday of each month. Devotional booklets will be sent to each family as in previous years. The Sunday bulletin will be sponsored by members from each church. The Parish Visitor edited by Pastor Metz adds much to keep the members informed and interested in the work of the parish.

Nine circles were organized mainly for Bible Study and these meet at the homes. The circles take turns furnishing flowers for the altar and taking care of the altar paraments and communion services.

The senior and junior choirs received new choir gowns which added to their appearance and we appreciate their loyal support. Mrs. Roger Penniston served as senior choir director. Mrs. Milford Paulson directed the junior choir.

Dime folders continued to be used through Lent which are sent to Lutheran Social services. In 1965 the insurance with Phillip Steiner is raised in value after the educational unit was added. The names of the contributors are discontinued in the annual report. The envelope system continues in use with several special offerings a year. Statements of giving are sent out quarterly. A new constitution was adopted in 1965. It might be of interest to note that the treasurer's report is much more complicated than it was 100 years ago. For instance in 1967 the income from envelopes was \$8158.10; loose change \$200.92; Thanksgiving offering \$124.40; mission offering \$306.00 besides building fund of \$812.00 and memorials \$514.00. The expenses too increased. Rev. Metz salary \$3120.00, car allowance \$540.00, utilities \$660.00; Michael Campbell, custodian, \$360.00; Mrs. Milford

Paulson, organist, \$212.50; Jerry Hendrickson, organist \$87.50; Jacqueline Wyss Mason, choir director \$125.00 and other expenses such as pension department, S. W. District and Dodgeville Conference dues, light, fuel, utilities, supplies, insurance, choir music, etc. Alton Martin was treasurer and Paul Thompson financial secretary for several years. Mrs. Milford Paulson is organist and Mrs. Marlyn Trumble directs the junior choir. Mrs. Randall Metz directs the senior choir. Mr. and Mrs. Michael Campbell have been janitors the last several years.



Mr. and Mrs. Michael Campbell, janitors

The pastor's report includes: A. Preaching the Word: 1. 50 regular services, 6296 in attendance or an average of 126 per service. 2. 10 special services with an average of 84. 3. Average percentage of membership at regular service was 32.5%. B. Teaching the Word: 1. Sunday School enrollment October 31, 1967, 82. 2. Senior confirmation class, 5. 3. Junior confirmation class, 3. 4. Vacation Bible School, 48. C. Administration of Sacraments: 1. Baptisms 10. 2. Holy Communion, 14 services with 1262 in attendance or average of 90 per service.

Other pastoral services: Marriages 2, confirmed 9, transferred 7. Membership, baptized 387 and confirmed 284.

The ALC Women were active under the leadership of Mrs. Dwayne Erickson, president; Mrs. Ross Alm, vice president; Mrs.

Clayton Martin, secretary; Mrs. Ardell Lien, treasurer and Mrs. Walter Johnson assistant treasurer; Mrs. Ever Hanson, secretary of education; Mrs. Paul Phillipson, secretary of stewardship; Mrs. Joe Martin, historian and Mrs. Ross Alm, librarian.

Some of the highlights of 1967 were a Father-Son Banquet in May, Friendship Aid in August, Dodgeville Conference ALCW retreat at our church in September, LIFE Fellowship Dinner in October and our annual Norwegian dinner and supper and bazaar. In November two silent auctions and served at farm sales. We financed the painting of the kitchen and dining room in the church basement, also installed the tile on the ceiling in the dining room, and repair work on the table in the kitchen. We continued to present programs at the Lafayette Manor at Darlington and sent cookies to the nursing homes in the area. Also remembered the boys in the service and called on the sick and shut-ins. Our gift to benevolences of our church was \$650.00, Lutherdale Bible Camp \$25.00, and helped repair the stained glass windows in the church.

In checking the ministerial reports we find that during the years 1868 to 1967 there have been 1516 babies and adults baptized. There were 986 confirmed during these years. At the present Mrs. Mary Milestone was the oldest lining confirmand who passed away just recently at the age of 91.

Our five ALCW circles in 1968 meet monthly and are studying the Psalms according to the SCOPE Lesson. Mrs. Dwayne Erickson is president of the Dodgeville Conference of the ALCW for 1968.

Ole Kammerud who had attained the ripe old age of 99 years and 2 days passed away February 16, 1968. He was a loyal supporter of his church and attended services faithfully and regularly.



Ole Kammerud
on 97th birthday

In 1968 old landmarks such as trees were razed with new landscaping work done, a new wood fence built and the parking lot enlarged.

Yellowstone Lutheran Church will celebrate its centennial August 1968. A committee to plan the festivities consisted of the following members: Mrs. Perry Everson, Mrs. Leroy Paulson, Mrs. Gene Scott, Mrs. Ross Alm, Mr. Elmer Paulson, Mr. Clayton Martin, Mr. Harry Bishop and Mr. Ray Hanson. The committee appointed several committees as follows: Mrs. Joe Martin, historian; to send cards to the confirmation classes, Mrs. Ever Hanson, Mrs. Cora Kammerud, Mrs. Harry Bishop and Miss Mabel Jackson; Picture committee, Mrs. Larry Steiner, Mrs. Evelyn Paulson and Mrs. Sylvester Granberg; Confirmation reunion program, Mrs. Marlyn Trumble, Mrs. Dwayne Erickson, Mrs. Ardell Lien and Mrs. Claire Paulson; Confirmation reunion lunch, Mrs. Paul Phillipson, Mrs. Paul Thompson, Mrs. Walter Johnson and Mrs. Ray Hanson; Fellowship dinner, Mrs. Arne Finhert, Mrs. Milton Frank, Mrs. Vernus Olson, Mrs. Leo Peterson, Mrs. Cora Lofgren, Mrs. Hazel Johnson, Mrs. David Everson and Mrs. Lester Everson; Sunday afternoon program, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Gunderson, and Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Johnson.

The ALCW solicited recipes for a cook book and a committee of Mrs. Leroy Paulson, Mrs. Paul Thompson, Mrs. Fred Kipfer and Mrs. Michael Campbell will organize the recipes and have them printed.



Centennial General Committee: Mrs. Perry Everson, Mrs. Joseph Martin, Mrs. Ross Alm, Mrs. Gene Scott, Mrs. LeRoy Paulson. Back row, Mr. Ray Hanson, Mr. Harry Bishop, Mr. Clayton Martin, Mr. Elmer Paulson.

MY DEBT OF GRATITUDE

BERNHARD H. J. HABEL

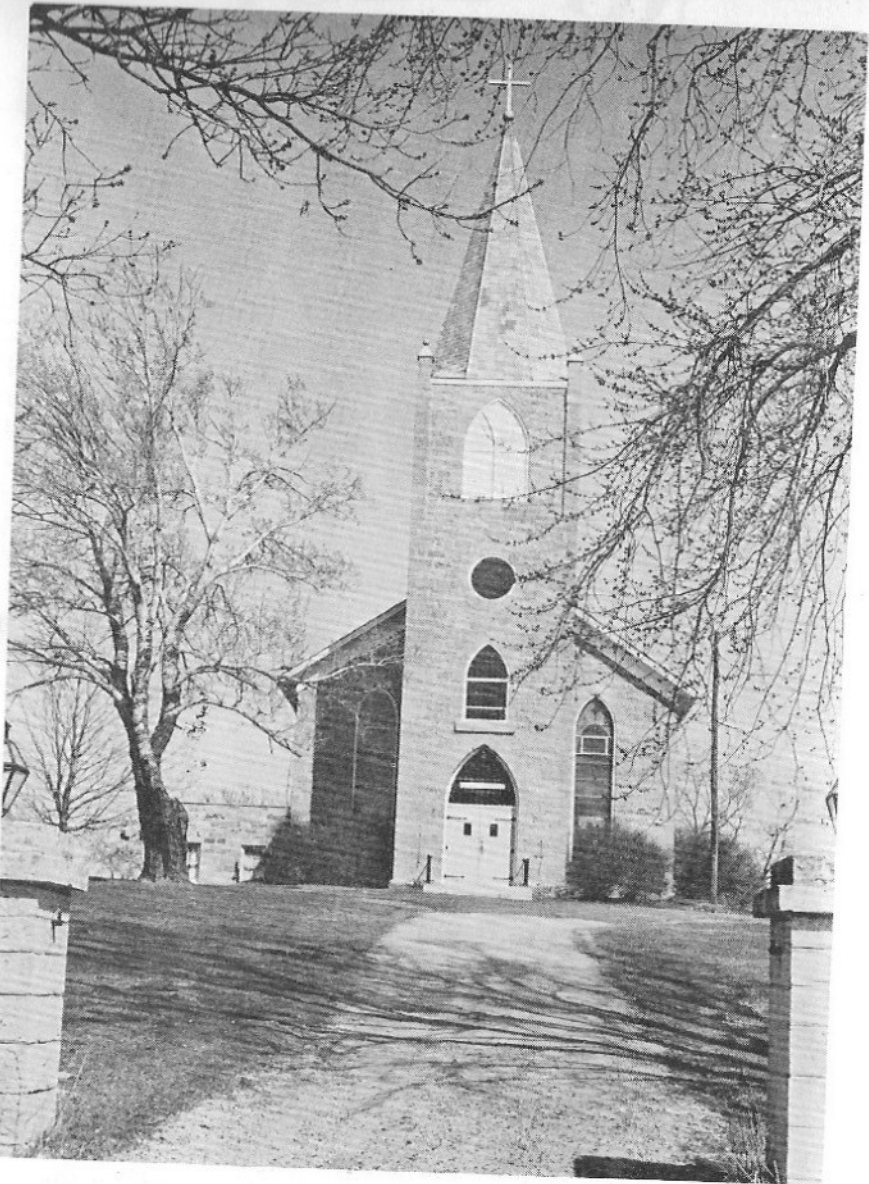
Illustrated by Harold Brokke

*I owe a debt of gratitude
To those who went before,
The sturdy pioneers who came
From Norway's rocky shore;
Who on the prairies made their homes
In humble huts of sod,
While on the highest hill they built
A stately house to God.*

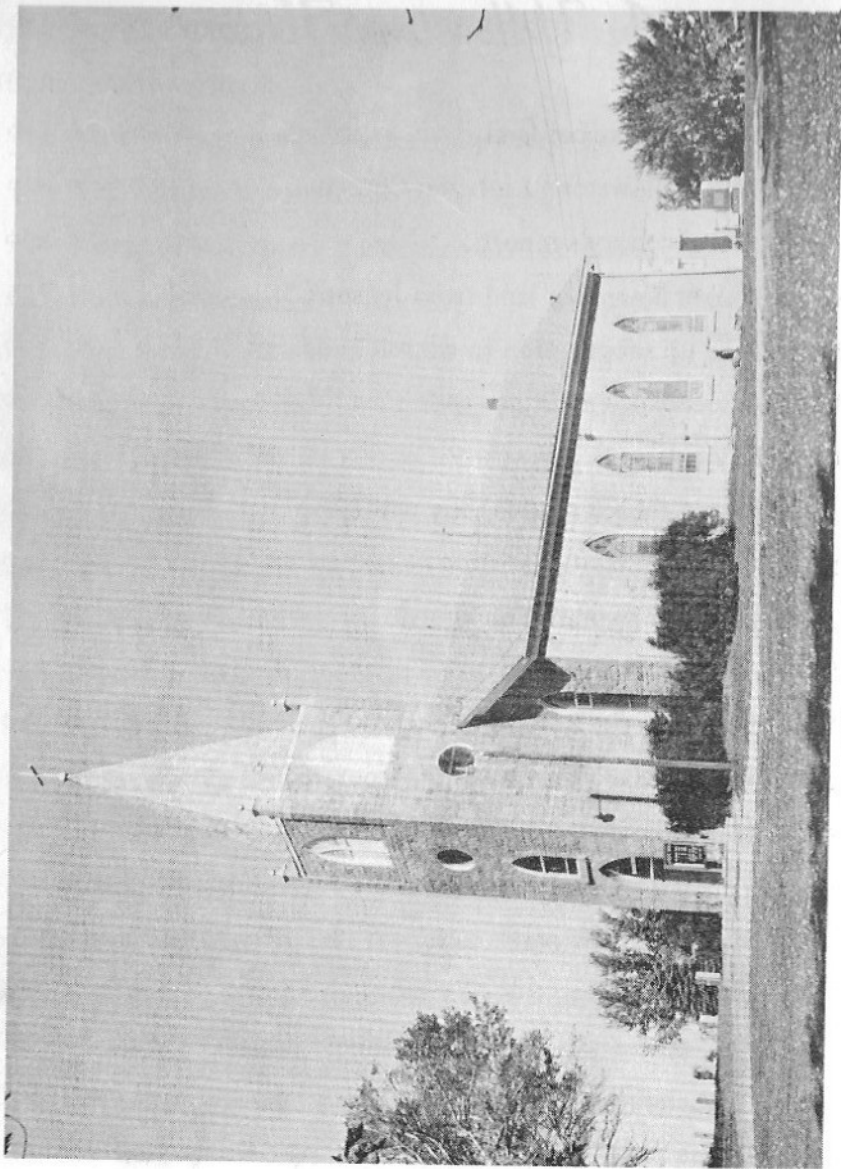
*I owe a debt of gratitude
That faithful pastors gave
Their lives to tell their fellowmen
How Jesus came to save;
In deepest woods, on prairie trail
They labored, suffered, died,
To tell of God's great love to man,
And Christ, the crucified.*

*I owe a debt of gratitude
To every one who taught
A child to know the Father's will,
And how he's dearly bought;
To all who worked with faithfulness,
Through happiness and tears,
Within my own beloved church
Throughout a hundred years.*

*I'll pay my debt of gratitude
To those who went before
By never yielding up my place,
Though weary and footsore.
With faithfulness I'll work, and walk
The way the fathers trod;
Some day I'll thank the pioneers
In heaven at home with God.*



Yellowstone Lutheran 1967



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Important Dates In Yellowstone History

- 1863 Bought 3 acres of land
- 1868 Built Yellowstone Lutheran Church
- 1869 First secretary's report
- 1870 Bought 3 acres of land from Jensons
- 1873 Take up subscription to church building
- 1875 Agreement with Wiota ends
- 1878 Buy bell
- 1879 Repair church steeple, buy new stove
- 1883 Meet with Wiota parish to call a new pastor
- 1884 Take our insurance on church
- 1884 Ladies Aid organized
- 1888 York asks for Rev. Savig's services
- 1889 Yellowstone Church was incorporated
- 1889 Blue Mounds Kreds Circuit meets at Yellowstone
- 1890 Yellowstone Lutheran Church joins Forende Synod
- 1891 Sign deed to Wiota
- 1892 Bought organ
- 1896 Sold 40 acres to Wiota and Jordan
- 1896 First choir director A. M. Fjeldseth
- 1902 Divide parish, Wiota and Jordan; Apple Grove, Hollandale and Yellowstone
- 1903 Bought land and built parsonage near Yellowstone

- 1904 Pastor P. J. Johnson wrote constitution for Ladies Aid
- 1909 Request that Pastor Johnson have some English services
- 1912 Art glass windows installed
- 1914 New tower built
- 1916 Yearly report sent to each family
- 1934 Yellowstone becomes one point parish
- 1934 Women's Missionary Federation held at Yellowstone
- 1935 Built new parsonage at Argyle
- 1935 First Sunday School
- 1941 Basement excavated, new heating plant
- 1941 New pews
- 1944 75th anniversary
- 1947 Bought Hammond Electric organ
- 1947 Gate posts erected
- 1948 Brotherhood Organized
- 1949 First Father-Son banquet
- 1952 First Mother-Daughter banquet
- 1953 Mt. Horeb Circuit meets at Yellowstone
- 1959 Church redecorated
- 1959 Repair steeple
- 1959 New parish, Apple Grove and Yellowstone
- 1962 Addition to church, Sunday School rooms and sacristy
- 1962 Dedication of unit
- 1968 Landscaping and new fence
- 1968 100th anniversary

Brotherhood Presidents - Rev. M. A. Sorenson - 1948

Lloyd Martin
Clayton Martin
Eugene Johnson
Paul Thompson
Virgil Hendrickson

Kenneth Gunderson
Ever Hanson
Milford Paulson
Alton Martin

Luther League Presidents

Ole Lien
Mabel Nelson
Elwood Gunderson
Alice Lien
Ardell Lien
Virgil Hendrickson
Carol Hanson
Mary Everson
Betty Lou Hanson
JoAnn Olson
JoAnn Everson
Kathy Johnson

Irene Paulson
Clayton Martin
Victor Bredeson
Roland Trumble
Carol Lofgren
Nancy Johnson
Sylvia Dammen
Arne Finhert
Jon Alm
Grace Venable
Vicki Kipfer

Yellowstone Lutheran Church

Treasurer

Ever Olson Ringen	Ole Everson Ringen
Renhardt Gaardrud	Ole Phillipson
Peter Larson	Lewis Chenous
A. E. Paulson	Mable Jackson
Sam Larson	Ashley Gunderson
Edwin Everson	Melvin Phillipson
Perry Phillipson	Ross Alm
Henry Erickson	Paul Thompson
Alton Martin	Claire Swiggum
Orville Waage	Eugene Scott
Mrs. Eugene Scott	Alton Martin
Paul Thompson (fin. sec.)	Jacob Wyss

Secretary

Ingwell Olson	Andreas Olson
Lars Larson	Abraham Johnson
Henry Johnson	Tobian Loken
Martin Ingwell	Jens Jackson
Alvin Vingi	Thor Phillipson
Edwin Everson	Per Bilden
Ole Phillipson	Andreas Paulson
Lars Nelson Sjaaheim	James Ingwell
Paul Phillipson	Hans Carlson
Perry Jackson	Peter Paulson
Wm. Granberg	Ren Jackson
Oscar Johnson	Marshal Ingwell
Lloyd Martin	Eugene Johnson
Oscar Paulson	Ardell Lien
Kenneth Gunderson	Malcolm Johnson
Elwood McConnell	Mrs. Leroy Paulson
Claire Paulson	Elwood Gunderson
Victor Bredeson	

Organists

Miss Maria Jackson	Mrs. Axel Anderson
Mrs. Clara VonArx	Mrs. Larry Steiner
Mrs. J. Lawrence	Mrs. Emma Hanson
Mrs. Milford Paulson	

Assistant organists

Jerry Hendrickson	JoAnn Olson
Roland Severson	Kennlyn Gunderson
Kristine Alm	Mrs. A. P. Anderson
Betty Lou Hanson	

Choir directors

A. A. Fallestad	A. M. Fjeldseth
A. O. Troan	Mr. Himmelie
Rev. Axel Anderson	Rev. George Strum
Mrs. A. P. Anderson	Mrs. Milford Paulson
Kennlyn Gunderson	Carol Nall Penniston
Jacqueline Wyss Mason	Mrs. Randall Metz
Mrs. Marlyn Trumble	

Teachers

A. A. Fallestad	A. M. Fjeldseth
A. O. Troan	Mr. Himmelie
J. O. Johnson	L. M. Halling 1892-93
Victor Peterson	O. R. Swore 1906

Sunday School superintendents

Rev. Axel Anderson	Mrs. Joe Martin
Mrs. Ross Alm	Miss Arlene Gunderson
Bertha Kipfer	Mrs. Orville Kammerud
Mrs. Sylvester Granberg	Mrs. Paul Thompson
Mrs. Virgil Hendrickson	Mrs. Michael Campbell

ALCW presidents

Mrs. Randa Sogn, 1884 south	
Mrs. John Nelson Sjaaheim, 1889 central	
Mrs. Kari Watrud 1886 north	
Mrs. Inger Eglstad	Miss Karen Larson
Mrs. Finne Ingwell	Mrs. Ole Gunderson
Mrs. Jens Finnerud	Mrs. Christopher Martin
Miss Gunda Nelson Sjaaheim	Miss Nora Thompson
Mrs. Andrew Ingwell	Rev. P. J. Johnson
Miss Lizzie Everson	Mrs. J. O. Johnson
Mrs. Joe Johnson	Mrs. Elmer Olson
Mrs. Joe Martin	Mrs. Erma Alm
Mrs. Mae Paulson	Mrs. Norma Everson
Mrs. Arne Finhert	Mrs. John Carlson
Mrs. Louis Lofgren	Mrs. Ever Hanson
Mrs. Harvey Hartwig	Mrs. Henry Peterson
Mrs. Dwayne Erickson	Mrs. Claire Paulson

Honor Roll

Yellowstone members who have served their country in time of war and who are buried at Yellowstone.

CIVIL WAR
Peter Bilden
Tobias Lokken
Martin Larson
Ole Sorum

WORLD WAR II
Alvin Thompson

KOREAN CONFLICT
Gordon Rude
Vernon Johnson

WORLD WAR I
Henry Hanson
Orville Watkins
Lloyd Martin
Frank Wilmer Ingwell
John Granberg
Tom Chenous
Namon Olson
Erick Olson

VIET NAM CONFLICTS
Phillip Everson
Dennis Mason

Memorials

- 1919 Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Johnson Eggestad gave one art glass window and their son, Joe, gave one
- 1935 Mrs. Ed Everson gave the light fixture above the altar in memory of her husband
- 1940 Altar cloth given by son, William, for Mrs. Jens Johnson. Mrs. Anna Peterson gave \$500.00 toward new pews dedicated in 1941 in memory of Anna and Alvin Peterson. Martin C. Martin donated two pews. Ever Lageson gave \$250.00 for carpeting the church. Mrs. Caroline Carlson donated individual communion set. Mr. and Mrs. John Carlson added to this set.
- 1941 Oliver Everson estate gave a clergy chair. Mrs. Ed Johnson gave a clergy chair
- 1943 Chester Johnson family gave one church register and book to record ministerial acts in memory of Martin C. Martin.
- 1945 Martin family in Memory of Martin C. Martin gate post at south entrance. Melvin Thompson family in memory of Melvin Thompson gate post at south entrance.
- 1947 Miss Emma Goodman gave the altar. Henry and Tillie Erickson the communion rail. Perry and Mabel Jackson the pulpit. Elmer Paulson the pulpit light. Martin Paulson the altar set of cross, candlesticks and vases. Mr. and Mrs. Erickson, communion plate. Isaac Paulson the baptismal font in memory of Mrs. Isaac Paulson. Geo. Ingwell the oak table in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Gunder Ingwell. Luther League, a Hammond electric organ along with other contributions. Ladies Aid paid \$400.00 for the choir rail
- 1950 Mrs. Eva Watkins gave two gates at west entrance in memory of Orville Watkins. Alice Gunderson gave \$50.00 in memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Phillipson. Clara Olson estate gave \$25.00 in her memory.
- 1951 Mrs. Margaret Johnson donated doors for the front entrance of the church in memory of Henry Johnson.
- 1953 Isaac Paulson family gave altar and pulpit paraments for Trinity season in memory of their parents. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Martin gave altar and pulpit paraments for advent season in memory of son, Sherman Martin. Mrs. Cora Lofgren gave paraments for lenten season in memory of her husband, Louis Lofgren.

- 1955 Mrs. Cora Lofgren and Mrs. Mina Gunderson gave memorial money to new basement floor in memory of Louis Lofgren and Ashley Gunderson. Fred Jensen made and gave collection plates.
- 1958 Peter Paulson gave \$100.00 and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Thompson \$500.00 to the building fund.
- 1961 Each family donated one hymn book.
Lewis Phillipson gave \$25.00 for hymn books in memory of his brother, Eddie. Mrs. Joe Martin and Mrs. Katie Erickson gave a cover for Ladies Aid History book. Mrs. Amelia Watrud gave \$100.00 in memory of Mrs. Lizzie Watkins. Mrs. Wilmer Ingwell gave candelabras in memory of Wilmer Ingwell. William Granberg family gave guest book and stand in memory of William.
- 1962 Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Paulson gave offering plates.
- 1963 Mrs. Burnell Paulson, brothers and sister of Burnell gave table and chair for sacristy.
- 1964 Mr. and Mrs. B. Schaefer gave \$100.00 in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Olson. Mr. and Mrs. Glenn gave \$100.00 in memory of Donna. Mrs. Orville Kammerud gave \$100.00 in memory of Orville. This \$300.00 was for cupboards in the Sunday School rooms. John Ingwell family gave a metal cabinet in memory of Mr. and Mrs. John Ingwell. Orville Kammerud family gave money for Sunday School hymnbooks.
- 1964 Melvin Thompson family gave a parish record book and picture in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Thompson. Mrs. Perry Phillipson gave pews in the choir loft in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Phillipson.
- 1965 Mrs. Margaret Johnson paid toward the loud speaker system in memory of Gus and Henry Johnson. Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Hendrickson gave lectern in memory of infant son.
- 1966 Henry Peterson family, a sanctuary lamp and picture in memory of Mrs. Peterson. Martin Paulson family the red paraments for the altar. Katie Erickson, Hazel Johnson, in memory of Eugene, Geneva Johnson in memory of Elmer and Cora Kammerud in memory of Orville gave towards the choir gowns.
- 1967 Vernus Lofgren the outside bulletin board in memory of his son Laverne and wife Rachel. Mr. and Mrs. Arley Hendrickson a picture in memory of infant son, Larry. Bennie Hanson a bookcase in memory of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hanson and brother James.

**AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN
LIFE MEMBERSHIP**

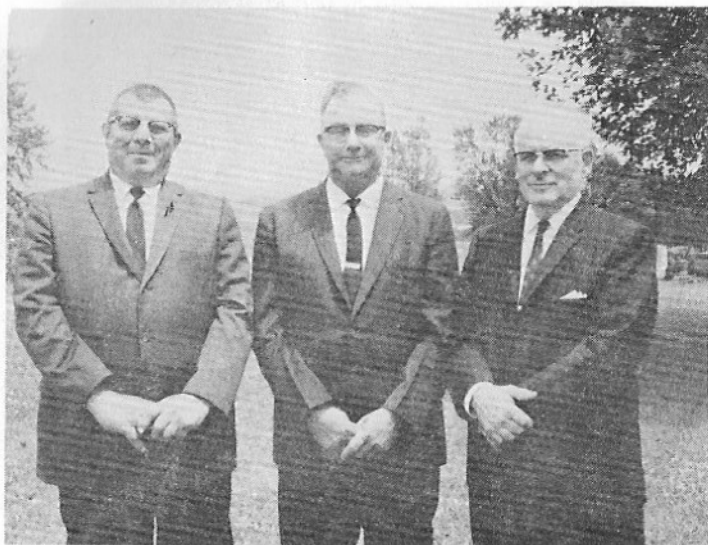
- 1945 Mrs. Hanna Johnson, Mrs. Mary Paulson
1946 Mrs. Lena Hanson
1949 Mrs. Lizzie Watkins, Mrs. Amelia Jacobson, Mrs. Ed Phillipson, Mrs. Bertha Larson, Mrs. Lela Olson
1951 Mrs. Marie Milestone, Mrs. Hilda Alfred, Mrs. Melia Thompson, Mrs. Tillie Thompson, Miss Annie Phillipson, Miss Clara Olson, Miss Minnie Ingwell, Miss Josephine Ingwell, Emma Goodman, Mrs. Clara Johnson, Mrs. Amelia Hanson, Mrs. Lena Nelson
1954 Mrs. Ida Everson, Mrs. Alma Phillipson, Mrs. Emma Waage, Mrs. Wm. Granberg
1955 Mrs. Margaret Johnson
1956 Mrs. Fannie Phillipson, Mrs. Alma Chochard
1957 Mrs. Nellie Martin, Mrs. Selma Dearth, Miss Mabel Jackson
1958 Mrs. Andrew Lien, Mrs. Elmer Johnson, Mrs. Mina Gunderson
1959 Mrs. Helga Paulson, Mrs. Ida Martin
1960 Mrs. Marie Kipfer, Mrs. Hazel Johnson, Mrs. Clara VonArx, Mrs. Henry Swiggum, Mrs. Laura Lattin and Mrs. Effie Ingwell



**Luther League Officers
Barbara Dearth, Rodney
Paulson and Ruth Everson**



Present Parsonage



Cemetery Association Officers: Arnold Steiner, Raymond Hanson, Ross Alm.



Sunday School Staff and Board of Parish Education: Front, Mrs. Marlyn Trumble, Mrs. Clayton Martin, Mrs. Orville Chenous, Mrs. Dwayne Erickson, Mrs. Ross Alm and Mrs. Glenn Dearth. Second row, Mrs. Leo Peterson, Mrs. Michael Campbell, Mrs. Marshall Anderson, Mrs. Cora Kammerud and Mrs. Ever Hanson. Third row: Mrs. John Johnson, Mrs. Gene Scott, Mrs. Perry Erickson and Virgil Hendrickson.



Church Council: Front, Boyd Hendrickson, Paul Phillipson, Victor Bredeson, Jacob Wyss and Paul Thompson. Back row, Pastor Metz, Vernus Lofgren, Dwayne Erickson, Ray Hanson (LIFE), John Johnson and Marlyn Trumble.



Junior Choir: Front row, Jane Johnson, Connie Hendrickson, Susie Johnson, Joan Lien, Wendy Trumble, Elaine Prestbroten, Linda Lien, Ronna Erickson. Second row, Roxanne Paulson, Cheryl Lofgren, Louise Peterson, Margi Hendrickson, Kathy Lien, Mrs. Milford Paulson. Third row, Danny Bredeson, Brian Engebretson, Lyle Hendrickson, Larry Erickson, Hugh Paulson, Mrs. Marlyn Trumble. Fourth row, Kim Trumble, Rene Hendrickson, Rory Paulson, Mike Trumble and Jimmy Lien.



Senior Choir: Front row, Mrs. Ray Hanson, Vicki Thompson, Mrs. Victor Bredeson, Mrs. Randall Metz, Mrs. Milford Paulson, Christine Prestbrotten. Second row, Mrs. Ross Alm, Ruth Everson, Mrs. Marshall Anderson, Mrs. Glenn Dearth, Mrs. Marlyn Trumble. Third row, Rodney Paulson, Robert Prestbrotten, Jerry Hendrickson, Victor Bredeson, Ray Hanson, Jim Thompson. Absent: Mrs. Roger Penniston, Mrs. Dennis Mason and Kenneth Gunderson.



ALCW Officers: Seated, Mrs. Clayton Martin, Mrs. Ross Alm, Mrs. Ever Hanson, Mrs. Joseph Martin. Standing, Mrs. Ardell Lien, Mrs. Ray Hanson, Mrs. LeRoy Paulson, Mrs. Claire Paulson.



Men's Club Officers: Paul Thompson, Milford Paulson, Elmer Paulson and Virgil Hendrickson.

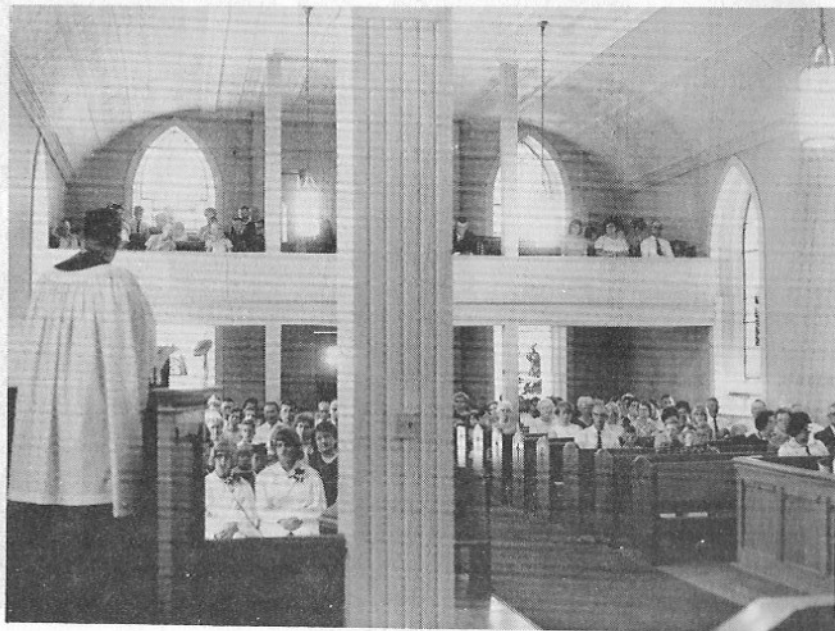


Recipe Book Committee: Mrs. Michael Campbell, Mrs. Paul Thompson, Mrs. Fred Kipfer and Mrs. LeRoy Paulson.

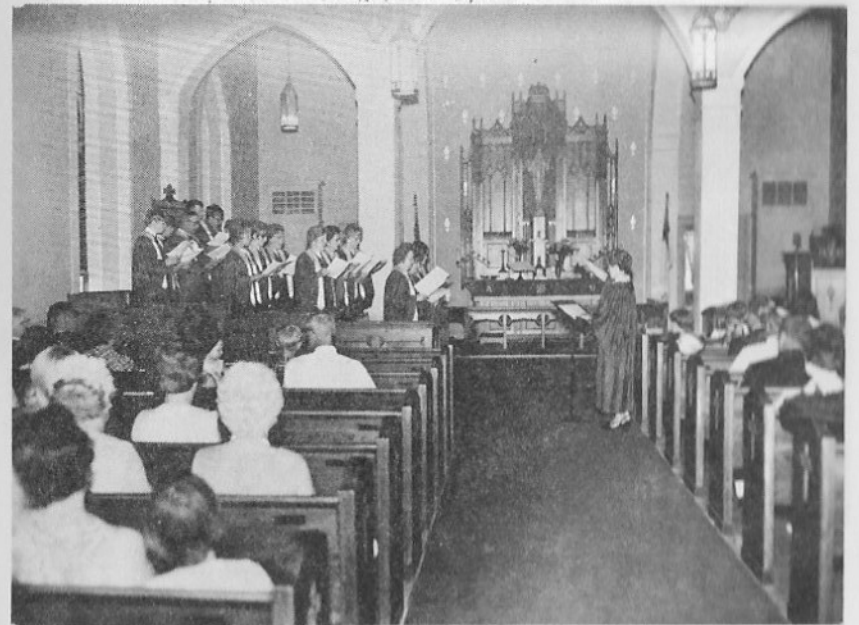
Our Congregation at Worship



"We Pray"



"We Hear"



"We Sing"



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