

**First
Lutheran Church**



"ESTABLISHED IN THE FAITH"

1892

75th Anniversary

1967

Hunter, North Dakota

June 18, 1967

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Dedication

This book is dedicated to the memory of the pioneers. Choosing not to remain without Christian fellowship, this church was "Established In the Faith." Acts 16:5.

As we read in Col. 2:2, "That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgment of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ."



PASTOR JOHN GUTHREY

ON AN ANNIVERSARY

**"Be thou faithful unto death, and
I will give you the crown of life."**

Rev. 2:10b

What a wonderful thing an anniversary celebration is. For it is at times like this that we have dinners, see old friends, have outside speakers and do many other enjoyable things.

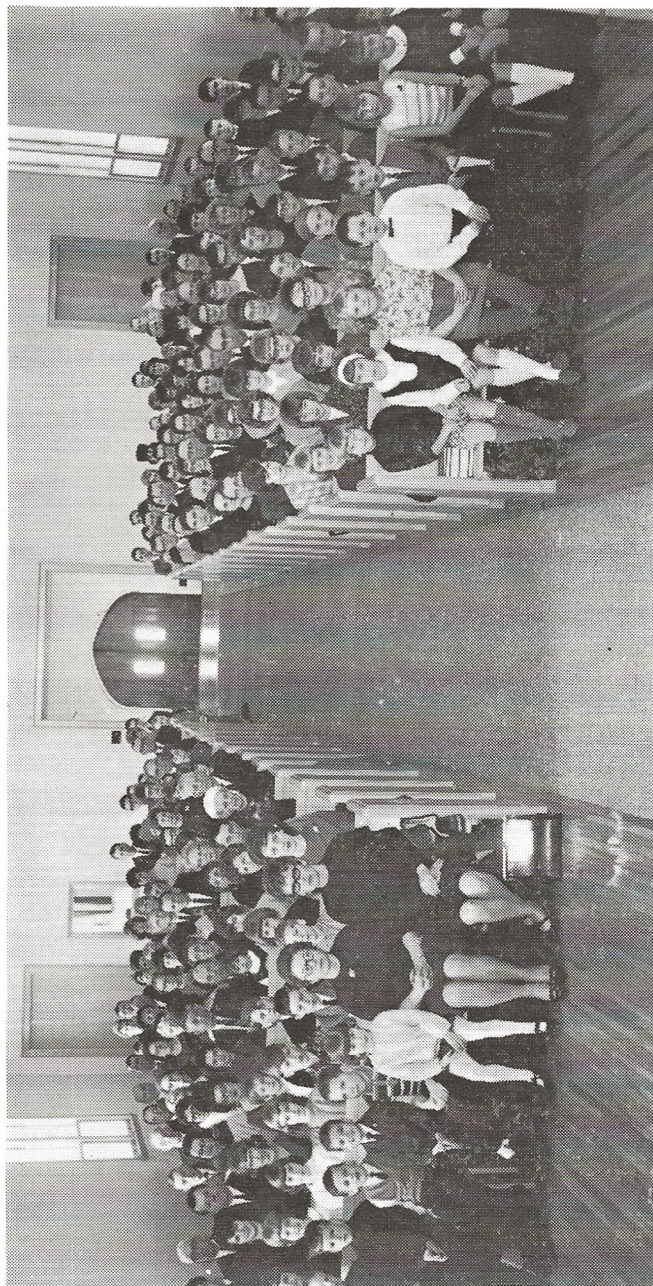
But an anniversary celebration should involve more than just eating and visiting. At this time we should also give some thought as to what has taken place in our church in the past and what is going to happen in the future. Perhaps the best way to order our thoughts as we make these considerations is to think of what God has done for us in the past and how we are going to serve God in the future.

When we consider the past we should think of all the good things that God has given us. He has given us a redeemer and has given us entrance into the Christian Church through baptism. He has given us faithful Sunday School teachers and good Christian friends. We should rejoice for all these benefits as our mind's eye runs back across the years that we have known at Hunter.

When we think about the future we should dwell on what contributions we are going to make to the kingdom of God. We think of how much our church needs in the way of willing helpers to work in the vineyard of the Lord. We should examine our stewardship and see if we have plowed back to God a just proportion of the good things that God has given us. We think of how much we can do for God and how we can pitch in to help in our church. We think of all the people that we know who need the word of God and how we can resolve that through our prayers and our examples we will bring them a Christian witness.

At the beginning of this message a portion of a verse from the Book of Revelation was printed. Careful consideration of this verse will enable us to set our eyes on the tasks that God has set before us. With the help of God the celebration of this anniversary will not last a week or a month but will extend into the years in faithful service to God.

JOHN GUTHREY
Pastor



THE CONGREGATION OF FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

as well as in the Methodist Church and in the building which served as the first school house in the community.

Rev G. G. Beito served the Hunter, Norman, and Elm River parish from 1893 - 1896. In a congregational meeting in March 1898 when Rev. P. A. Hendrickson was pastor a motion was passed that a bid of \$400 should be offered for the old school-house which stood on the site of the Arthur Rasmussen home and for the two lots adjoining the building.

This idea was abandoned for another, however, when in February 1900 in a regular congregational meeting, Pastor Hendrickson submitted to the group plans which had been drawn up by Mr. Ole Korshus. These plans provided for a church structure to cost \$2,000 and to seat 150 persons.

At this same time Jorgen Anderson, among the founding members of the church, offered to give the congregation a plot of ground near his farm site at the south edge of town. Majority action of the congregation on May 13, 1900, however favored a site within the village limits.

Articles of incorporation approved by the Civil Code of 1899 of the state of North Dakota were drawn up March 20, 1902. The names of Louis Larson, Andrew Severson, and I. Moen appear on the charter.

In the meantime on July 11, 1901, the congregation authorized a committee to pay Mr. McClure \$200 for two lots across from the Methodist Church and to instruct Mr. Korshus to draw plans for a church 30x46 with a sacristy 14x14.

Dedication services were held in the spring of 1902.

Rev. W. A. Larson was pastor from 1908 to 1910 and in 1910 Rev. O. Turmo began a period of ten years of faithful service. In 1915 the church board consisted of Nels Johnson, Andrew Severson, Henry Geving, Christ Thompson, John Stockmoe, Gunder Berg, and John Hanson. Church services were conducted in the English and Norwegian languages alternately.

Rev. Karl Kildahl administered to the spiritual needs of the parish during the years 1920 to 1928.

In 1928 Rev. A. N. Brudvig came to serve the three congregations in the parish and gave untiring ministrations for fifteen

years, one year in excess of Rev. Hendrickson's ministry of fourteen years.

On November 10, 1940, a constitution drawn up to replace any constitution previously drawn up but missing from church records was accepted with one of its particular provisions that the name of the congregation be thereby changed to the First Lutheran Church of Hunter, North Dakota.

In 1943 Rev. E. O. Barsness began his ministry here. It was during his ministry that a building fund was begun with the initial sum of \$500 from the church treasury. The secretary's minutes of June 16, 1945, indicate that sixteen families had pledged \$2,030 toward the building fund.

During his period of service an LDR was organized with the direction and assistance of Mrs. Barsness and a Luther League was also organized. Rev. Barsness resigned his ministry in the parish in December 1946.

On July 13, 1947, volunteers from the congregation began to dismantle the church building in preparation for the erection of a new church. Worship services were held in the Methodist Church with Marcus Gravdal, a Concordia College pre-seminary student, conducting the services.

Rev. R. E. Ylvisaker began his ministry at First Lutheran Church in 1947. A most significant event was marked on Sunday, June 27, in 1948 when dedicatory services for the new church were held. On February 25, 1951, the congregation approved by acclamation the beginning of a fund for pews, and in a church council meeting held on December 2, 1952, a motion was passed that the Ladies Aid proceed to purchase a new organ. Rev. Ylvisaker's period of ministry in First Lutheran closed in 1952.

Action by the congregation under the direction of Rev. Loyal Tallakson and Mr. Orvedahl in July and August of 1952 resulted in the withdrawal of First Lutheran Church from the parish for a trial period of one year and the conducting of First Lutheran as an independent congregation with Rev. Norman Anderson as pastor for the year.

On November 22, 1953, the separation of the Galesburg and Clifford congregation from the parish was effected, and Rev.

Harald Dordal in that year began his service to the First Lutheran congregation as an interim pastor.

Rev. Walter Kienberger was called as the first resident pastor early in the year 1945. A mission church was organized at Gardner and St. Mark's Lutheran Church became a sister congregation of First Lutheran Church.

The house immediately south of the church served as a parsonage for Rev. Kienberger after his marriage to Alice Joyce Hogenson, a daughter of the congregation. Later the Orlando Larson house was purchased and remodeled and is the parsonage at the present time.

Rev. Kienberger's ministry ended in 1957, and Rev. Harald Dordal again served as interim pastor.

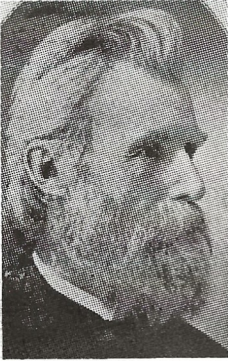
Rev. John Thorstensen accepted a call from First Lutheran Church, began his active ministry here July 1, 1958, and continued in faithful service until August 1962. During these years the church was remodeled with new windows and decals and refurnished with new chancel furniture.

Minutes of the September 4, 1962, meeting of the church council points up the beginning of Rev. Dale Jenson's period of service. The acquisition of 75 feet of property south of the church as the site of a new parsonage in the future, the purchase of new hymnals for worship services, the provision of Sunday School rooms by the construction of dividing walls in the basement are all forward steps.

One would be remiss in writing the history of a Christian congregation if he failed to recognize the many acts of service performed by these pastors past and present. The sick have been visited and reassured with God's word, the infants have been brought into God's family through baptism, young people have been counseled in their confirmation instruction, marriages have been performed, the dead have been laid to rest. And even these many acts do not adequately cover the extent and worth of the pastor's contributions to their congregations. May God bless the pastors of Forst Lutheran Church and each member of its congregation in the years to come and keep them all mindful of their responsibilities and privileges.

PASTORS

1892 - 1943



Rev. B. A. Harstad
1892 - 1893



Rev. G. G. Beito
1893 - 1896



Rev. P. A. Hendrickson
1895 - 1910



Rev. O. Turmo
1910 - 1920



Rev. O. R. Kildahl
1920 - 1928



Rev. A. N. Brudvig
1928 - 1943

REV. E. O. BARSNESS - 1943 - 1947



Standing: Martha (Mrs. Roger Jensen), John, Paul.
Seated: Pastor Barsness, Kathryn (Mrs. Roger Bilden, Anita, Mrs. Barsness, Norma (Mrs. Earl Nelson).

This is a day of blessed memories. Your thoughts run back through the years to the busy day when this church was being built. Every one was busy, and full of expectation. You were all anxious to see the work completed. You wanted to enter into the use and enjoyment of the work of your hands.

I am sure that those who helped build and maintain the first church building, felt the same way.

I am also sure that all people concerned are thankful to God for the privilege of serving in a small way in this congregation. Seventy-five years covers quite a span and many people are involved. Some families have a longer history in First Lutheran of Hunter, North Dakota than others; but the important thing is, that you are all thankful for all the blessings God has bestowed upon you as a Congregation these seventy-five years.

May the Lord give every member grace to be faithful to God and His Truth in the years ahead. Congratulations.

Sincerely,
PASTOR E. O. BARSNESS



REV.
R. E. YLVISAKER
1947 - 1952

Dear Friends:

May I greet you on the occasion of this significant anniversary in First Lutheran Church with that Word of God in Ephesians 3:20-21: "Now to Him who by the power at work within us is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen."

As you look back in history over three-fourths of a century of the history of God's grace to you in the congregation, and as you look forward confidently in faith into the future that God gives, I am sure that it is evident to you, as Paul says, that God is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think. And as you celebrate this anniversary, I know that it is to give God the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus.

I am sorry that I will not be able to be with you in person to have a part in your anniversary observance, but Mrs. Ylvisaker and I do want you to know that we do rejoice with you and join with you in giving thanks to God for His abundant grace in Christ Jesus for you in your 75 years of past history, in this present time and in the church forever.

Thank you for the privilege of having had a small but pleasant part in your history as a congregation of God's people.

Sincerely,
R. E. YLVISAKER



REV. NORMAN G.
ANDERSON
1952 - 1953

Dear Friends:

It is with much happiness I extend to you and the congregation at Hunter our combined congratulations on the occasion of your wonderful anniversary.

Beth, my family and myself recall with great joy our servanthood among you during your interim days while I was teaching at Concordia College.

Your kindnesses, generous spirit and friendly hospitality was all surpassed only by the great devotion to your Lord.

May his palpable presence abide with each of you as you make plans for the exuberant celebration of the historic events bringing you into fellowship as a Christian congregation. God love you and your loved ones - this day and always.

PASTOR and MRS. NORMAN G. ANDERSON



REV. HARALD DORDAL

1953 - 1954 1957 - 1958

To be a part of a congregation, to fulfill the role of pastor through the administration of the sacraments, to preach the Word of God and Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and to teach the youth of the congregation has always brought spiritual blessings and refreshment through the working of the Holy Spirit.

This has been so true in my working with First Lutheran and I look back with love and concern and a thankfulness for being a part of your history in a small way. I know the friends I have made will long be remembered in the Name of Christ.

Sincerely in His Service
DR. HARALD DORDAL



REV. WALTER KIENBERGER - 1954 - 1957

Seated: Steven, Timothy, Pastor and Mrs. Kienberger
Front: Jonathan

Dear Friends:

It is a thrill and a privilege to have a part in a congregation's 75th anni-

versary celebration. We ought never lose our appreciation of the historical past.

Seventy-five years ago, concerned laymen and pastors established a Christian congregation in Hunter. Our forefathers desired to share God's forgiveness with their fellowmen.

In the course of the years, many new opportunities arose to serve our Saviour. I had the privilege to be your first resident pastor and led you into an intensified ministry.

Hunter's charter members would want you to look forward and seize the opportunities of the future. (Acts 1:8)

God bless you all.

PASTOR AND MRS. WALTER KIENBERGER



**REV. JOHN R.
THORSTENSEN**

1958 - 1962

Dear Friends:

In observing a 75th anniversary in a congregation we are reminded that while the church has been in existence seventy-five years, we as individuals - whether pastor or people - come and go. It is fitting to think of how First Lutheran has touched the lives of thousands of people down through the years.

If one could review the past seventy-five years he would see worship services conducted by many different men, but always with the same Word of God preached from the pulpit, and the same Body and Blood of Christ distributed from the altar; he would see active organizations and Christian friendships blessed by the love of Christ; he would see faithful teachers touching the lives of the young with the Gospel of Christ; he would see the sorrowing and the troubled strengthened through the Grace of Christ. God has given all of these channels for one purpose - to win, keep, and strengthen souls for his Eternal Kingdom. First Lutheran has been God's school for eternal life for its members. It could have no higher goal and serve no greater purpose.

May God continue to use First Lutheran Church as a tangible expression of His Love and as a preparation for life eternal for its members and friends.

Sincerely in Christ,
PASTOR JOHN R. THORSTENSEN



REV. DALE JENSON - 1962 - 1967

Mrs. Jenson, Pastor Jenson
Douglas, Robert, David

Dear Friends:

Psalm 43:3 "Oh send out thy light and thy truth; let them lead me, let them bring me to thy Holy Hill and to thy dwelling".

Seventy-five years under the Grace of God This has been a long time and we sometimes wonder how the church made it in the difficult years. Many hardships have come and gone and the church still stands, but only by the Grace of God. Many of you will long remember the building of the present church. Many felt, won't it be too big? And, how will we ever pay for it? These questions have already been answered for you at this time. The Grace of God continues to sustain us through the years. In His Church we share with Him our joys, sorrows and all that we have.

Having come to this place in the history of the church, we should be inspired to think about the importance of God sending forth His truth and His light. We can appreciate this for the past but now we need to be strengthened to see that He sends forth His light and His truth by Christians dedicating themselves to the task that is before them. We have received so much from the church but in the coming years how much more does God have for us? Let us pray that He will send forth His light and His truth and that He will use us as He chooses. Let us pray that He will bring us to the Holy Hill and into His dwelling in order that we might take our place among those through whom the light shines and the truth is made known. This celebration should be a time of inspiration. It should be a time when the Holy Spirit works in us in a special way so that we consecrate ourselves to the work of His Kingdom.

Yours in Christ,
DALE JENSON

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL



Front row: Merle Widley, Mrs. Harold Hult,
Reuben Borud

2nd row: Emil Larsen, Robert Rasmussen, Earle
Lein, Randolph Moen

3rd row: Duane Dickson, John Jorgenson, Morrell
Dickson Not pictured: Kermit Bratholt

USHERS



1st row: Steven Erbstoesser, Barry Olson, Mark Dokken,
William Sutton. 2nd row: Clinton Erbstoesser, Arthur Ander-
son, Douglas Anderson, David Porter, Timothy Folk, David
Jorgenson. Not pictured: Kermit Siegert, Marvin Larson,
Terry Paulson, Michael Paulson.

CHURCH ORGANISTS



Mrs. Andrew
Severson



Mrs. Warren
Fisk



Miss Myrtle
Moen



Present Organist - Mrs. Merle Widley



FIRST LUTHERAN SENIOR CHOIR

- 1st row: Rhonda Heath, Phyllis Saunders, Sharon Larson, Mr. Manford Dokken, Beverly Lerud, Claudia Rieniets, Diane Rieniets
- 2nd row: Linda Howells, Linda Sutton, Jody Stibbe, Cindy Solberg, Nancy Folk, Adele Anderson
- 3rd row: Freddy Stibbe, Kathy Schroeder, Kathy Larson, Billy Sutton, Bobby Sutton
- 4th row: David Jorgenson, Tim Folk, Douglas Anderson, David Porter, Ricky Dickson, Mark Dokken

A sincere thank you to those who have served so faithfully in providing the church with music. Words are inadequate in measuring the beauty and inspiration they have given each individual down through the years.

HISTORY OF ALCW



1904

The Ladies Aid of First Lutheran, Hunter, North Dakota, was organized by Pastor G. G. Beito in November 1893. The following fourteen women were listed as charter members: Mrs. Bernard Moe, Mrs. John Stockmoe, Mrs. Jorgen Anderson, Mrs. Christ Thompson, Mrs. Ludvig Stockmoe, Mrs. J. G. Knudtson, Mrs. Martin Pederson, Mrs. G. Brickson, Mrs. J. Lund, Mrs. Jack Dahl, Miss Mary Olsen, Miss Lena Johnson, Mrs. L. Forness, Mrs. J. Kittelson.

The charter officers were: Mrs. Jorgen Anderson, president; Miss Lena Johnson, secretary-treasurer.

The following year others joining included Mrs. Andrew Severson, Mrs. Even Johnson, Mrs. L. A. Skue and Mrs. Aune. Within the next few years, other early pioneers joining were: Mrs. Gus Hogenson, Mrs. Peter Erickson, Mrs. H. Geving, Mrs. Nels Johnson, Mrs. I. Moen, Mrs. Peter Nelson, Mrs. John Frederickson, Mrs. Johanna Rosvall, Mrs. Carl Jorgenson, Mrs. Carl Skue, and Mrs. Ben Wedberg. This brings us to the year 1915.

Much credit must be given to these early pioneers for their tireless efforts to help spread the gospel.

Many changes have taken place in the structure of the organization since its beginning, in regard to tenure of office, dues, etc. The first officers held office for only six months and meetings were held twice a month. Initial dues were one dollar a year and ten cents a meeting for lunch. At the present time meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month, with a free will offering given. Officers are elected for a term of one year with no officer serving more than three consecutive terms.

The Norwegian language was spoken in the early years of the Aid, and was known by the name "Kvinde-Forening". The American language was adopted in 1923 with Mrs. Carl Skue as president. Of all the early pioneers mentioned, Mrs. Anna Skue is the only one living, the rest having been called to their eternal home. Much credit for this history must be given to Mrs. Skue, as she has been the only historian the A.L.C.W. has had. Mrs. Skue holds this position at the present time.

The first delegates to attend a W.M.F. Convention were Mrs. I. Moen and

Mrs. Nels Johnson. The convention was held in Fargo in the year 1937. The first birthday party of the Ladies Aid was held in the home of Mrs. Nels Johnson in 1932.

In 1956 the last charter member, Mrs. J. G. Knudtson, passed away. She had been a member of the Ladies Aid for 56 years. Mrs. I. Moen joined the Aid in 1901 and passed away in 1958 after serving the Aid for thirty five years as treasurer and being an active member for 57 years. May God bless the memory of these "grand old pioneers".

In 1952 the Ladies Aid separated from the Goose River Circuit and became a member of the Fargo Circuit. After the merger in 1960, the Ladies Aid became known as American Lutheran Church Women and usually is referred to as the A.L.C.W. All confirmed women of the congregation are members. Circles were organized to assist in the work of the congregation.

The Aid is engaged in many activities to promote the spiritual growth of the church. Cook books, calendars and commemorative plates have been printed and sold. Public suppers, food sales and rummage sales are also among the fund raising activities.

The A.L.C.W. is promoting and expanding a church library, and we hope to have a library we can be proud of some day.

To raise funds needed to pay the expenses for the 75th Anniversary, the A.L.C.W. served a 4-H banquet on November 9, 1966, from which a sizable profit was realized.

The Hunter A.L.C.W. carries on an active program, observing Life Membership, "In Memoriam", and Cradle Roll. They also help to support the local congregation along with contributing to Lutheran Welfare, Good Samaritan Home, Crippled Children's School, Radio Support, and Promotion Literature.

The present membership by circles is:

REBECCA—

Mrs. Marvin Curfman
Mrs. Marvin Stibbe
Mrs. Clyde Larson
Mrs. John Jorgenson
Mrs. Ralph Olson
Mrs. Lyle Ramstad
Mrs. Lee Stevens
Mrs. Deane Moen
Mrs. Ed Larsen
Mrs. Henry Quittschreiber
Mrs. Albert Winistorfer
Mrs. Johanna Larsen
Mrs. Bernard Holes, Sr.
Mrs. Helmer Haugen
Mrs. Eldon Saunders

RACHEL—

Mrs. Marvil Wenaas
Mrs. Lewis Sutton
Mrs. Morrell Dickson
Mrs. Manford Dokken
Mrs. Earle Lien
Miss Magna Moen
Mrs. Clint Erbstoesser
Mrs. Merle Widley
Mrs. Ida Collins
Mrs. Ed Siegert
Mrs. Ella Faltz
Mrs. Orlando Larson
Mrs. Art Rasmussen
Mrs. Ole Leidal

RUTH—

Mrs. Kermit Siegert
Mrs. Richard Marvel
Mrs. Donald Stibbe
Mrs. Wayne Anderson
Mrs. Harry Grage
Mrs. Jerome Rage
Mrs. Harold Hult
Mrs. Alex Sorensen
Mrs. Peter Hudson
Mrs. Reuben Borud
Mrs. Wm. Johnson
Mrs. O. A. Solberg
Mrs. Irl Pickett
Mrs. Cecelia Larsen
Mrs. Bernard Wedberg

NAOMI—

Mrs. Harvey Madsen
Mrs. Stanley Nelson
Mrs. Emil Larsen
Mrs. Merlyn Anderson
Mrs. Arnold Rieniets
Mrs. Dale Brayton
Mrs. Wayne Johnson, Jr.
Mrs. Emil Tetzloff
Mrs. Fred Siegert
Mrs. Harry Wedberg
Mrs. Duane Dickson
Mrs. Wayne Johnson, Sr.
Mrs. Alice Judisch
Mrs. Carl Skue
Mrs. Burton Graalum

MARY—

Mrs. Arnold Lerud
Mrs. Paul Stibbe
Mrs. Don Folk
Mrs. Robert Porter
Mrs. Jeff Norquist
Mrs. Robert Johnson
Mrs. Douglas Howells
Mrs. Kermit Bratholt
Mrs. Oivind Helland
Mrs. Gust Johnscn
Mrs. Robert Rasmussen
Mrs. Art Anderson
Mrs. J. W. Juliuson
Mrs. Harry Rasmussen
Mrs. Roy Larsen



AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN - 1967

1st row: Mmes. Peter Hudson, Kermit Siegert, Arnold Rieniets, Harry Grage, Anna Skue, Morrell Dickson, Robert Rasmussen

2nd row: Mmes. Oivind Helland, Harry Rasmussen, Lee Stevens, Merlyn Anderson, Marvil Wenaas, Ed Siegert, Fred Siegert, Dale Brayton

3rd row: Mmes. Alex Sorensen, Robert Porter, Deane Moen, Art Rasmussen, Arnold Lerud, Clyde Larson, Marvin Curfman

4th row: Mmes. Merle Widley, Lewis Sutton, Reuben Borud, Marvin Stibbe, Clint Erbstoesser, Douglas Howells

5th row: Mrs. Emil Larsen, Miss Magna Moen, Mmes. Jeff Norquist, John Jorgenson, Harvey Madsen, Harold Hult

HISTORY OF FIRST LUTHERAN SUNDAY SCHOOL

Early history of the Sunday school is sketchy, but it is believed to have been started about 1905, using the Norwegian language. Early names brought to mind are those of Bertha Ellingson, who is credited with starting the Sunday School and being the first Superintendent, her sister, Mrs. Nels Johnson, Mrs. Andrew Severson and Mrs. Anna Skue, Sr. Religious training was also provided by six weeks of parochial school each summer.

Today the Sunday School has grown to an enrollment of 100 students, ranging in age from four years through high school. The staff includes the Superintendent, Mrs. Clyde Larson; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Eldon Saunders, and a teacher and associate teacher for each of the twelve classes. Vacation Bible School supplements the Sunday School curriculum by providing a week of concentrated study each summer.



SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

1st row: Mmes. Lee Stevens, Jeff Norquist, Oivind Helland, Kermit Siegert, Wayne Anderson, Dale Brayton

2nd row: Mrs. Wayne Johnson, Jr., Mrs. Lewis Sutton, Donald Folk, Mrs. Clint Erbstoesser, Mrs. Deane Moen, Mrs. Eldon Saunders

3rd row: Mmes. Robert Rasmussen, Clyde Larson, John Jorgenson, Peter Hudson, Marvin Curfman, Robert Porter

Not pictured: Mmes. Ralph Olson, Arnold Lerud, Robert Johnson, Albert Winistorfer, Donald Stibbe, Stanley Nelson



SUNDAY SCHOOL - Pre-School through Fourth Grade

FIRST ROW—
 Patty Johnson
 Faye Helland
 Christy Heath
 Robert Jenson
 Gary Stevens
 Barbara Remore
 Eric Siegert
 Kent Rasmussen

Julie Widley
 Kendall Anderson
 SECOND ROW—
 Beth Dokken
 Yvonne Stibbe
 Rodney Remore
 Karen Heath
 Janna Lerud
 Tami Helland
 Michael Pickett

Robert Rasmussen
 Michael Lien
 Marty Folk
 Johnny Stibbe
 THIRD ROW—
 Gail Dokken
 Kay Pickett
 Phyllis Larson
 Brian Brayton
 Holly Curfman

Roslyn Hudson
 Nancy Rienets
 FOURTH ROW—
 Dawn Helland
 Darcy Anderson
 Curtis Hovde
 Keith Schroeder
 Roger Pickett
 Vicki Siegert
 Lori Widley



SUNDAY SCHOOL - Grades Five, Six and Seven

FIRST ROW—
 LeAnne Stibbe
 Kim Brayton
 Debbie Norquist
 Tomi Folk
 Jennifer Paulson
 Michael Nelson
 Douglas Pickett

SECOND ROW—
 Gary Pickett
 Cindy Hudson
 Bonnie Porter
 Marilyn Saunders
 Ross Sutton
 Randy Dickson
 William Stibbe

THIRD ROW—
 Gary Stibbe
 Steven Curtman
 Daylen Ramstad
 Debbie Anderson
 Paul Dokken
 Merlyn Schroeder
 Patty Erbstoesser

FOURTH ROW—
 Nola Stibbe
 Lansing Moen
 Kurt Jorgenson
 Vicki Hudson
 Robyn Widley
 Colleen Anderson



SUNDAY SCHOOL - Grades Eight through Twelve and the Luther League

FIRST ROW—
 Barbara Curfman
 Phyllis Saunders
 Sharon Larson
 Debbie Moen
 Beverly Lerud
 Claudia Rieniets
 Diane Rieniets
 Rhonda Heath

SECOND ROW—
 Linda Howells
 Linda Sutton
 Jody Stibbe
 Kathy Schroeder
 Cindy Solberg
 Nancy Folk
 Barbara Lerud
 Adele Anderson

THIRD ROW—
 Barry Olson
 Jeff Paulson
 Freddy Stibbe
 Kathy Larson
 Michael Paulson
 Billy Sutton
 Bobby Sutton

FOURTH ROW—
 Steven Erbstoesser
 David Jorgenson
 Tim Folk
 Douglas Anderson
 David Porter
 Ricky Dickson
 Terry Paulson
 Mark Dokken

75th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEES



1st row: Mrs. Reuben Borud, Reuben Borud, Mrs. Marvin Stibbe. 2nd row: Mrs. Lewis Sutton, Mrs. Deane Moen, Mrs. Harvey Madsen, Mrs. Marvin Curfman. 3rd row: Harry Rasmussen, Robert Rasmussen.

General Chairman - Reuben Borud
Secretary - Mrs. Marvin Stibbe

History and Invitations:

Mrs. Harvey Madsen - Chairman
Miss Myrtle Moen - Historian
Mrs. Clyde Larson
Miss Magna Moen

Program:

Mrs. Deane Moen - Chairman
Mrs. Morrell Dickson
Mrs. Merle Widley
Mrs. John Jorgenson
Deane Moen

Decorations:

Mrs. Lewis Sutton - Chairman
Mrs. Robert Porter
Mrs. Arnold Rieniets
Mrs. Orlando Larson

Foods:

Mrs. Marvin Curfman - Co-Chairman
Mrs. Reuben Borud - Co-Chairman
Mrs. Merlyn Anderson
Mrs. Robert Rasmussen
Mrs. Marvin Stibbe

Anniversary Booklet:

Robert Rasmussen - Chairman
Mrs. Peter Hudson
Mrs. Harry Grage
Merle Widley
Orvin Solberg

Finance Committee:

Harry Rasmussen - Chairman
Mrs. Harold Hult
Mrs. Donald Stibbe

I am thankful for this opportunity to say thank you to all the committees, committee chairmen and the secretary for all the help, cooperation and advice in organizing the 75th Anniversary Celebration. It has been a privilege and an inspiration to work with you. A sincere thank you to the members of the Congregation, former members and all the pastors who helped with God's work at First Lutheran. Without your attendance and faithful service our 75th Anniversary Celebration could not possibly be the memorable occasion it is.

I pray that we may never be lost from God's great love and blessings.

Reuben Borud
General Chairman



LADIES AID MEETING — August 1909 at the Nels Johnson Farm Home



EARLY DAY LADIES AID MEETING AT NELS ROSVALL HOME



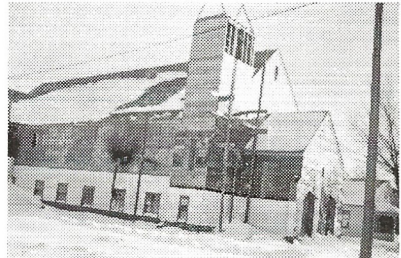
LADIES AID MEETING 1909



Mrs. I. Moen
Mrs. Nels Johnson



50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY—June 1942.
Left to right: Andrew Bjerke, Mrs. J. G.
Knudtson, J. G. Knudtson, Rev. A. N. Brud-
vig.



BUILDING OF THE CHURCH 1947



Top — ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS 1941

Middle — LADIES AID MEETING 1942

Bottom — LADIES AID MEETING OCTOBER 1949



LIFE MEMBERSHIP, MAY 1960 — Seated: Mrs. Chris Larsen, Mrs. Carl Skue, Mrs. Ben Wedberg. Standing: Mrs. Ed Siegert, Mrs. Irving Bratholt, Mrs. Ida Collins, Mrs. Fred Siegert, Jr., Mrs. Harry Rasmussen, Mrs. Roy Larsen, Mrs. Art Rasmussen, Mrs. Emil Tetzloff, Mrs. John Thorstensen, Rev. Thorstensen.



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Front row: Mrs. Nels Rosvall, Mrs. Hans Martinsen, Mrs. Fred Siegert, Sr., Mrs. Gust Buethner. Second row: Mrs. Harry Rasmussen, Loa Jane Rasmussen, Mrs. Emil Tezloff, Mrs. Richard Rachow, Rosanna Rachow.



Left to right: Mrs. J. G. Knudtson, Mrs. Otto Larsen, Mrs. Nels Rosvall, Mrs. Fred Siegert, Sr., Unidentified, Mrs. Nels Johnson, Mrs. I. Moen. Alternating: G. J. Knudtson, Mrs. Chris Larsen, Mrs. Ben Wedberg, Mrs. Hans Martinsen, Ed Severson, Mrs. Albert Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Skue.

