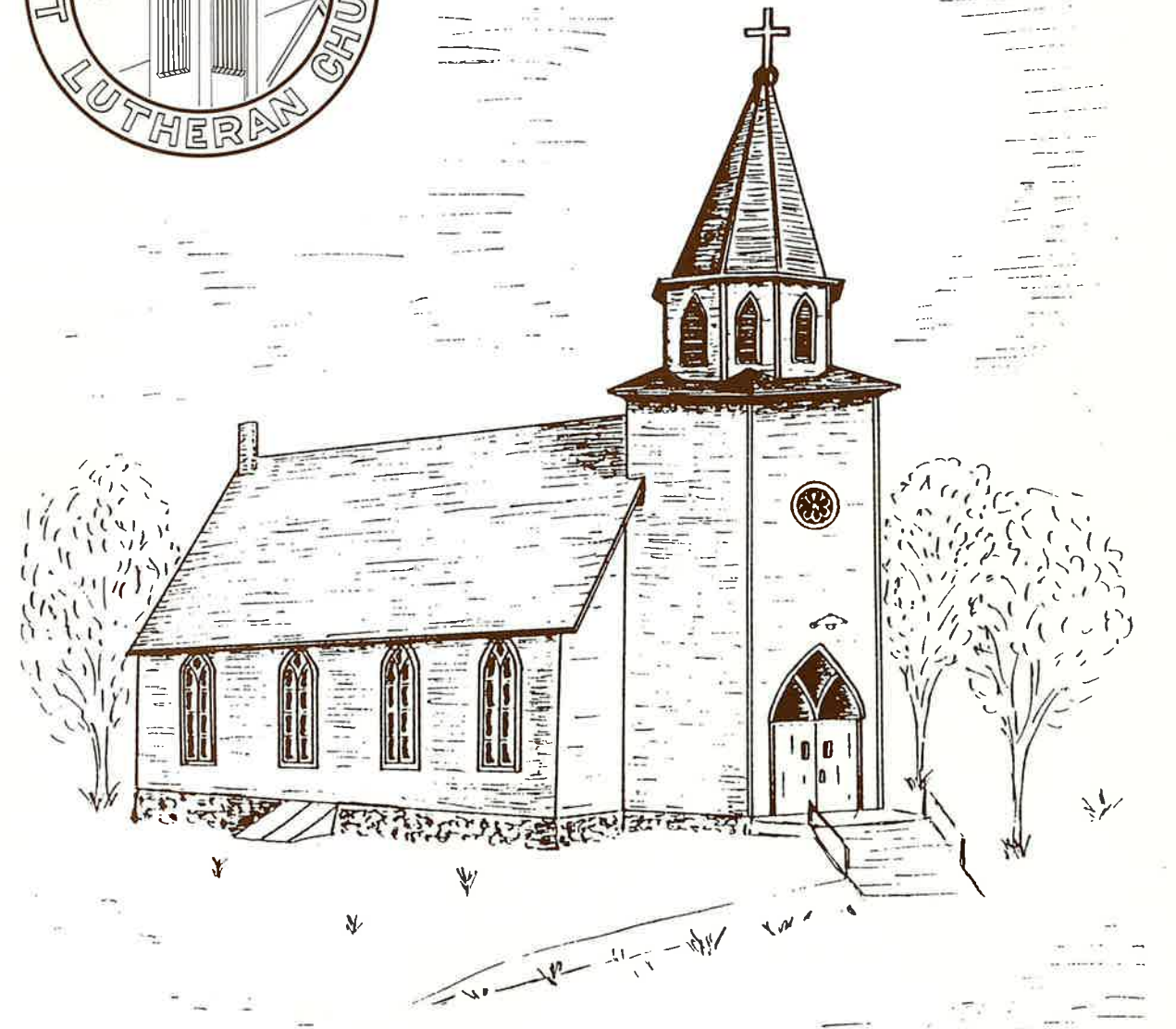


# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

AMERY, WISCONSIN



**1892 - 1992**

A Century of Faith – A Future of Hope and Promise



### DEDICATION

To the memory of the charter members,  
to the former pastors, vice-pastors,  
interns and members, who have labored,  
loved and sacrificed; and to the youth  
of our church who will continue the  
promotion of God's Kingdom on earth, we  
prayerfully dedicate this 100th anniversary book.



*Pastor Pyle and Bishop Knutson*



## A Message From The Bishop

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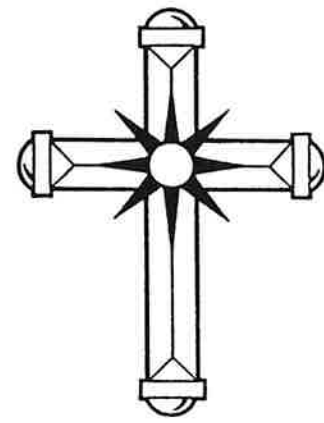
Dear Pastor Pyle and Members of First Lutheran Church:

My heartiest congratulations to First Lutheran Church on the occasion of your 100th anniversary. Our synod staff, the other 215 congregations, and the 100,000 people of the Northwest Synod rejoice with you in the faithful and long ministry of First Lutheran in the community of Amery.

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ is the heartbeat and center of the mission of the church. The power of the gospel to renew, reconcile, and energize God's people to be about the mission to which he has called them is reason for thanksgiving and joy.

May God bless the congregation and its people. May God's Holy Spirit continue to give vision, energy and commitment to us all as we seek to carry out our mission of the call of our Lord as members of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Sincerely,  
Gerhard Knutson, Bishop



## Pastor's Message

To the People of Faith at First Lutheran:

100 years of faith in this place - it is a truly incredible notion when you think about it. From very slight beginnings the seed of faith was planted here and a community of believers blossoms.

Things that are 100 years old could be worn out and ready for the junk heap, or they can be built with solid foundations and proper tending so they can last long into a second century and beyond. First Lutheran Church, this community of the faithful, is solid and strong. Built on the foundation of the Gospel, we are a people empowered by the Spirit of God, called to keep faith alive in this place and commissioned to spread the good news of Jesus both here in Amery and throughout the world.

The liturgies we use today are much the same as those spoken in faith at the beginnings of the church. They are the words God has placed in hearts and minds throughout the centuries. Our ancestors in the faith of Jesus' day met in secret to keep the faith alive and pass it on to their children and the world they knew. We now meet openly to confess our faith. Maybe we don't say it in Swedish much anymore but it is still a powerful testimony to our wondrous God.

Ebenezer was established by God, through people of Faith. May we continue to be a faithful people, always looking to God for guidance and power, always being faithful to the Gospel, always reaching out in love to one another and to the world around us and always seeking only to give God all the Glory.

Thanks be to God for the Gospel, and for First Lutheran as we hear and live it.

Peace.

Pastor Marcia Lynn Pyle



*Pastor Marcia Pyle*



*Karen Christopherson - Secretary*



*Church Council: Back row: Norm Osero, Harold Munkholm, Clint Gjerde, President Jon Buss, Gary Taxdahl, Kay Erickson, Dr. Fred Whittark. Front row: Youth Director Dave Teig, Secretary Karen Christopherson, Mary Lou Swanson, Vice President Sheryl Burkel, Darrel Nelson, Elaine Meyer, Al Stoddard, Pastor Pyle.*

# Our History

A meeting of the Swedes in Amery to organize an Evangelical Swedish Lutheran Church took place on April 4, 1892. The meeting opened with song, bible readings, discourse, and prayer by Pastor A. Bengston.

The following announced themselves as Charter Members:

A. J. Staffenson and wife	Swan Patterson and wife
G. M. Staffenson and wife	A. J. Johnson and wife
P. A. Staffenson and wife	Ed Asberg and wife
W. J. Bennon and wife	C. A. Staffenson
Peter Nelson and wife	E. W. Okason

The church was named Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Ebenezer Congregation. Any who applied for membership within two weeks would be accepted as charter members.

The congregation applied to Balsam Church with a request that Pastor C. J. Youngberg would visit. Dues were set at \$5.00 for a family, \$3.00 for a man, and \$2.00 for a woman. Also, the congregation demanded entrance in the conference and synod fellowship at the next annual meeting.

G. M. Staffenson was chosen as representative to the conference and A. J. Staffenson as substitute. Also elected was C. A. Staffenson as secretary for a year. A prayer closed the meeting.

At a special meeting on October 12, 1892, several things were decided. The congregation would join the one in Balsam with the right to maintain their own teacher, and the congregations would build a church. A committee would be chosen to acquire a lot. Another committee would be formed to take up subscriptions (a pledge type system) to build the church.

Annual meetings always began with devotions and an election of a chairman. At that first annual meeting of "little" Ebenezer on January 14, 1893, much time was spent on building concerns. They preferred a corner lot on which to build and would meet in Charles Manson's home for the time being. Each church service should bring in \$85 with \$3.00 going to the pastor.

Two extra meetings were held in 1894 to discuss possibly buying a roller skating rink that was for sale. It was decided that it was "too long, too low, and too small." They also requested joining with Balsam in calling a pastor, but

could not pay more than \$100.

In 1895 we get a flavor for how people served the church. Trustees were appointed for 3, 2, and 1 year terms. The caretaker was elected for one year and paid by an offering Christmas Day or some other church holiday. The organist position was for one year and was paid in the same fashion. Auditors and Sunday School teachers were also elected for one year. Sunday School was taught in Swedish and the pastor came every fourth Sunday. His pay was \$1.00 a time or \$100 yearly.

In 1896, besides the usual elected positions, a subscription committee was added and, along with a "free will" offering there would be no set dues needed.

It was decided to join the Chisago district in the Minnesota Conference, but they requested a pastor visit one Sunday every other month with some weekly visits between. All pastor's costs would be paid.

This was the year Ebenezer decided to rent to the Norwegians. It was for one year for \$25 and the Swedes would warm the church and provide the lighting. A schedule was worked out and the situation continued for many years.

Starting in 1897, we find Ebenezer supporting the Swedish Gustavus Adolphus College because the pastor sometimes would attend. They applied for "student help" during busy Advent and Lenten seasons. They also had to face finding a new cemetery and had to sell their building in order to build their new church. The Norwegians were behind in their rent that year.

The building was sold to the school for \$600 in 1898. They would build a church in block 8, lots 11 and 12. The lots were purchased for \$100. Even though Ebenezer wanted to join with the Clayton and share a pastor, the District said that Amery, Clayton, and Star Prairie were to form an alliance.

Over the next few years they reverted back to dues, Sunday school teachers were still elected, and women could now teach. The women were also important in budgetary matters. The Ladies Aid raised money regularly for the Building and running of the church.

The building took up a lot of time of the members in 1899. They took great pride in their accomplishments.

The church now actively reported on members who were not acting in a Christian manner, periodically "striking" people from the rolls. Dues still fluctuated and the Norwegians needed occasional prompting to pay their rent. Ebenezer had to quite regularly ask "meekly" for help from the Minnesota Conference to pay the pastor's salary, though they did not always get it. They had furnace problems. They wallpapered and had money-raisers such

as ice cream socials. They also had festivals such as their Fourth of July service. The children would give declamations at Christmas festivals. A basket social was held during the summer to celebrate their church family.

Ebenezer decided to share a parsonage with Clayton and Star Prairie.

In 1905, dues for Ebenezer's members were \$5.00 for a man and wife, \$2.00 for a boy and \$1.00 for a girl. Church income and expenses that year totaled \$490.85 and the pastor's salary was \$250.

People requesting membership must be certified, or if they accepted the synod's constitution, confessed to the creed, and were not members of secret societies or lodges, they were welcomed in membership. They would share both the "strife and the victories of the church."

The children's Christmas Program was discussed by the council each year. The date set in 1905 was December 25 with 10¢ admission charged. Special ushers were always chosen. The trustees usually provided the tub of apples and sacks of candy and peanuts. Decoration responsibilities were decided.

Trustees had a wide range of responsibilities to "take care of things in general." Of course, this included keeping wood on hand.

If members continued in arrears for payment of dues, council decisions led to dropping their names from the rolls.

Swedish summer school was held for four to six weeks at the public school building. The teacher was often obtained from Gustavus Adolphus College.

The ladies and young people were active and contributed financially to the church. By 1909 the choir and Sunday School teachers also received a recognition of thanks. The organists from 1905 to 1911 were the pastors' wives. They received \$25 and an offering. By 1911 the salary was \$40. The "guardian" or janitor received \$25 and an offering.

Often a student from "our dear school in St. Peter," Gustavus Adolphus, was called on to assist the pastor with the "pressure of Christmas activities" in the congregations of the parish. Salary for this was usually a "good offering".

Among decisions made in 1905 were stalls to be built for horses on the north side and trees to be planted on the south side. The council decided the times of day and number of tolls the new bell should be rung. It was decided to install electricity in 12 lamps in the church.

Over the years 1906-1911, Ebenezer "humbly" re-



The Swedish Lutheran Church and Parsonage - 1910

quested money from the conference to help pay the "leader's" salary and go toward the debt. This amount ranged from \$100 to \$250 over these years.

In 1907, Pastor Gustafson's annual report stated that church services and communion opportunities (usually around five times a year) were well attended with young people being the most diligent. He traced the reason for this to their Swedish summer schooling. In January of 1907 there were 121 members, 67 of voting age.

Sometimes the church had to deal with a wayward member. One male member had been talked to and warned for drinking. He had promised to improve. Unfortunately he "has continued to become drunk and to swear, etc." It was decided to call him to appear before the church council on March 11, 1907, at 7 p.m. That Christmas he was appointed usher for the Sunday School program! By January, 1908, council members called on this member to "lay on his heart the dishonor he puts on the church with his drinking and life of sin". In May, 1908, he was called on again. The council again pointed out how sinful and harmful to himself, his family, and his church his drinking was. He admitted his life was not as it should be and promised to do better. The council expressed to him that the only way to improve was to turn to God to save himself. On December 17, 1908, the council discussed how this member had been warned time and again about his drinking and swearing but continued his annoying way of life. He was struck from the church rolls.

In 1908, pastor's report included reference to a "materialistic self-centered item." A scolding was given to sinners. Dancing and drinking were condemned.



Pastor J. A. Gustafson

A Fourth of July festival as well as a mission fest for "Chinese Heathens" was to be held. The congregation was thankful that some of their festivals could be held at J. G. Burman's hall.

The council decided to promote wider reading of the synod's newspapers *Augustana* and *China Missions*.

Since Pastor Gustafson had been called to another parish, the new pastor's report of 1910 included his conclusions that "those brought up in our church were most devoted to church attendance, but many women fail to show up." He reported 46 children attended Sunday School.

A call was sent out to farmers to bring in stones to reinforce the basement walls.

Delegates to district, conference, and synod meetings were chosen as usual. Ebenezer joined the Apple River district. The trustees bought half a lot at \$40 for stable construction.

Joint meetings had been held in Clayton and Amery to choose the new pastor and decide his salary. Immanuel and Ebenezer paid \$400 and former Pastor Gustafson's house was rented for a parsonage.

In 1911 it was decided to jointly purchase the parsonage.

Pastor Andren reported his concerns about Sunday School attendance. He stated that most members are well-behaved Christians, but some are going to the theater and



Pastor M. T. Andren

dancing. Drinking is a problem, "God help us." Seventeen children were confirmed the previous year.

The young people had purchased a picture for the altar and also gave \$50 toward pews. The Ladies Aid donated the rest. The pews were ordered at \$190.

Dues in 1911 were \$8.00 for a family, \$5.00 per young man and \$3.00 for a young woman with half dues if under eighteen. Summer Swedish School continued.

During the years of 1912-1920 the struggle of the young church continued. In a written report, Pastor Andren referred to the congregation as "Little, Fighting Ebenezer Church of Amery."

The congregation struggled in their relationship with their sister congregation, Immanuel of Clayton. There was tremendous effort expended to increase attendance, attend communion and bring children to Sunday School. There was a struggle to get members to pay their dues. The young church needed financial help from all their members in order to continue the work.

During these years, there was concern for the youth of the church. With school and jobs, they were poor in attending and participating in the youth group. There was concern because many were fraternizing with young people of other nationalities.

Drinking continued to be a problem area. At that time there was a movement in Amery to close down the bars, and Ebenezer made a stand in support of that movement.

In spite of the struggle, little Ebenezer continued to grow and make progress. Total membership in 1912 was 127 and by 1920 there were 135 members, 87 of whom were communicants.

Together with Immanuel of Clayton, Ebenezer church purchased a parsonage. Amery businessmen also donated to the cause, and the debt was paid in five years. A new organ was purchased for \$137 plus trade-in of the old organ. In 1917 the congregation planned a twenty-fifth anniversary celebration with a speaker from Minneapolis invited to lead the service.

The salary for Pastor Andren stood at \$500 a year. Ruth Andren was the organist and was paid \$40 a year. The caretaker's salary was \$30 a year plus a special offering.

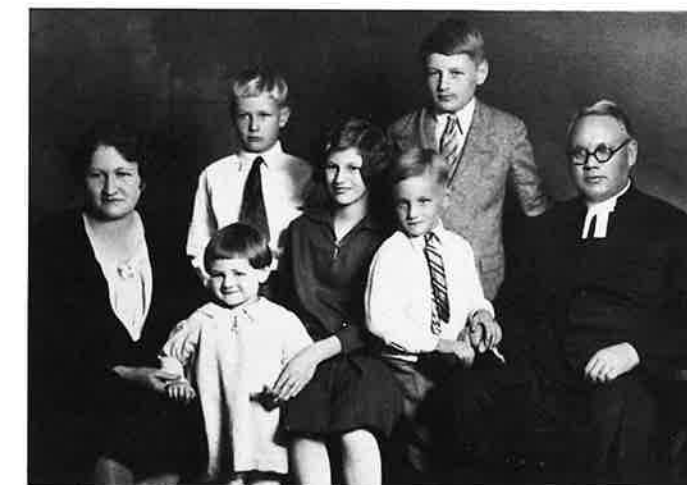
The ladies' group was active and several times it is mentioned that the church could not have survived and met its obligations without the financial support of the ladies. The total budget for the congregation was just over \$1,500 a year, and the ladies of the church contributed between \$300 and \$400 of that amount.

On several occasions the council requested financial aid from the Minnesota conference again in order to pay the Pastor's salary. Dues were \$10 a year and people were sent to collect from those in arrears. Members who did not pay were contacted and then dropped from the rolls for this reason. Requests for memberships were taken seriously and voted on at council meetings.

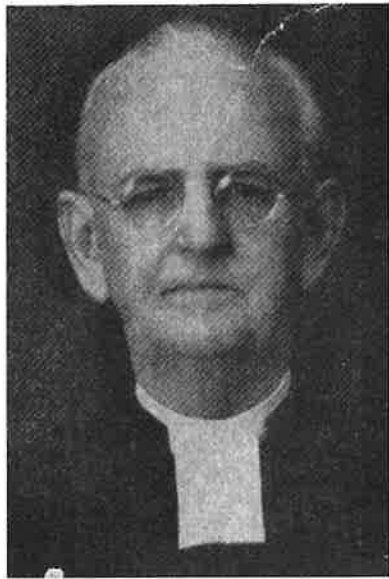
The Sunday School continued to operate with faithful teachers and usually around 35 students. The Sunday School year ran from the first Sunday in March until Christmas. The children's Christmas program continued to be held Christmas Day evening with admission charged and gifts and treats provided for the children. The Swedish School continued to be held until 1917 when it was dropped for lack of interest. Swedish classes were instituted again in 1920.

The decade of the twenties brought another kind of struggle for Ebenezer. That was the struggle with language. In 1923 the council voted to have an English afternoon service once a month. The Sunday School opening and closing was to alternate between Swedish and English. On the other hand, a Pastor Magney was granted permission to give a speech on Africa on the condition that he use the Swedish language.

A remodeling project for the parsonage was undertaken and was quickly completed with the help of volunteer labor. Fourth of July celebrations were still popular with the women serving a dinner and the pastor being in charge of the program. The Sunday School continued to be active and grew in numbers. The young people were very active and presented programs that were well attended. Ruth Andren led an orchestra that proved to be quite an attraction.



Pastor M. A. Melford and Family



Pastor C. J. Karl

In 1921 the envelope system was instituted. In 1927 the church was remodeled and a basement put under it. In 1926 and 1927, Immanuel of Clayton and Ebenezer entered into a spirited conflict over the choosing of a new pastor. Finally, after calls to several pastors, Pastor M. A. Melford accepted the call to serve Ebenezer.

As the decade of the twenties came to a close, more and more familiar names begin to appear. A. R. Sjobeck is



Pastor A. P. Almen and Family

listed as the church treasurer and the pastor announced he had received a certificate of membership from a Mrs. Stearns with "joy and gratitude."

During the decade of the 30's, First Lutheran was served by two clergymen, Pastor A. P. Almen and Pastor C. J. Karl. The council minute book for this era is missing so we have no detailed information for this period except for information in the Ladies Aid history.

The fiftieth anniversary of the church was in 1942 and was the year Pastor L. K. Anderson succeeded Pastor Karl. Mrs. Olga Sjobeck, organist, was appointed to be in charge of music the day of the anniversary celebration, September 20th. A. R. Sjobeck and Al Stenberg were appointed to take care of publicity. L. E. Bragstad, church secretary, was instructed to invite previous pastors to take part in the celebration. The minutes recorded a very successful day.

The 1943 Council members were: President A. R. Sjobeck, John G. Burman, John Froshaug, Elmer Olson, Herb Olson, Joe Hazelquist, Chas. Sjoblom, W. Lovegren, Gilbert Carlson and Dave Palmer.

An electric organ was purchased to replace the reed organ in 1943. The purchase arrangement was interesting. The organ was to be purchased through C. W. Stenberg, a merchant. He was to deliver the organ and the \$1,200 debt was to be paid at \$200 a year with payments starting in two years!

Pastor Anderson, like previous pastors, served three churches; Amery, Clear Lake and Clayton. The church was assessed \$8.00 a member for the Augustana Synod's Centennial Celebration. The pastor's salary was raised \$10 a month for the next year.



Pastor L. K. Anderson and Family

The synod allocation for 1944 was \$273. Student pastors were hired to help during the summer months. Clear Lake started sharing a pastor with East Immanuel, leaving two churches for our pastor to serve. The council decided that they really should start payments on the organ! In response to an appeal to the members, money flowed in! The Ladies Aid contributed \$500; Nels Johnson, \$100; and A. R. Sjobeck, \$100; leaving \$500.

A congregational picture taken in 1947.



Because the pastor was shared, he served Amery with a 9:30 service and Clayton with an 11:00 service. Total church membership at this time was 142. The organist and sexton were paid yearly salaries of \$150. New council members that year were: Ira Lindgren, Dave Palmer and C. W. Stenberg.

In 1945, Art Sjobeck and Ira Lindgren, council members, were authorized to have a porch built over the front entry of the church. An anonymous donor paid up the balance of \$500 on the organ. A new electric range replaced the wood burning cookstove in the parsonage. New council members that year were: Arvid Nelson and Willie Nelson.

Church membership in 1946 was 186. A building fund was started with a \$25 memorial from Mrs. Lawrence Hedlund. The council set \$30,000 as a goal for the building fund.

Pledges were taken in May of 1947 for the building fund. The 55th anniversary of the church was celebrated. A fund drive to support our church college, Gustavus, netted \$970. New council members were: Palmer Sondreal and Lewis Bragstad.

The synod allocation in 1948 was \$498. Devotional books were ordered and distributed to the members. Pastor Anderson accepted a call to another church. Pastor Ander instructed our confirmands during the pastoral vacancy. New council members were: Chet Johnson and Palmer Theige.

Pastor Magnuson started serving our congregation in 1949. He was paid a salary of \$3,000. It was proposed that the church should have a new organ. A committee consisting of Wm. Rasmussen, Lester Sjobeck, Olga Sjobeck and Adele Stearns was selected. They were to accompany Pastor Magnuson to the Twin Cities to listen to and price electric and pipe organs. The congregation agreed to purchase a pipe organ and a fund drive was started. The first payment to the Moller Organ Company, \$489, was in August.

Council members at this time were: Chester Johnson, Palmer Theige, Herbert Olson, Willie Nelson, Palmer Sondreal, Arvid Nelson, Elmer Olson, Ira Lindgren, Gilbert Carlson and Lewis Bragstad. The Sunday School Superintendent was Ellie Johnson and the sexton, Chas. Sjoblom.

New council members in 1950 were Rolf Marck and Les Sjobeck. The council recommended to the congregation that a basement be added on the east side of the church. This proposal was discussed over a period of time. There was discussion on purchasing another site for the future building program. It was decided to remain on the same site and pledges were received in February of 1952 for a basement addition. At that time our congregation was supporting Lutheran World Action, Gustavus College and the synod. Mrs. John Edmond contributed \$300 to start a church library. The decision was made that it was time to have a full time pastor for our congregation. The Clayton Congregation was approached to merge with us, but they declined.

In 1953, Pastor Ander served as our vice pastor until



Pastor N. I. Magnuson



Pastor C. Seburg and Family



Dr. Swenson, Pastor Magnuson and former Pastor Almen at the Fellowship Hall Dedication.

our new pastor, Clarence Seburg arrived. John Norman presented new offering plates in memory of his wife.

Because we were no longer sharing our pastor with Clayton, we were able to have two church services each Sunday during the summer of 1954 and thereafter. Our synod allocation that year was \$1,179.

The annual family picnic was held at the Wood Lake Bible Camp in the summer of 1955. Pastor Seburg accepted a call to another congregation and Pastor Trued of Balsam Church was our vice pastor in the interim. A call was issued to Pastor Marvin Johnson of Alcester, S.D. Tentative plans for a building program were discussed at the November meeting.

In January of 1956, the deacons attended church services in Pastor Johnson's church in Alcester. They recommended Pastor Johnson to our congregation, and he arrived in June. It was decided to sell the first parsonage, across the street from the church, and purchase the Watzke residence on Hyland Avenue.

In 1956, Otis Huset succeeded Elmer Olson as financial secretary, a position Elmer had served faithfully for over 15 years.

Pastor Johnson explained the need for an evangelism committee in 1957, and the following were appointed: Lewis Paulson, L. E. Bragstad, Henry Johnson, Olga Sjobeck, Pauline Larsen and Mrs. John Normand. The

Stewardship committee included: Dr. Whitlark, D. K. Lien, Ira Lindgren, Glynn Nelson and O. K. Bergquist. The council voted to support Lutheran Welfare of Wisconsin, the Wood Lake Chapel Fund, Lutheran student work at the state colleges, Augustana Churchmen, Augustana missions and Gustavus. The next year's budget: \$13,900. The council members and appointed helpers made every member visit in 1958. The synod had revised the hymnal and 125 were purchased. A Sunday School Altar was given by Mrs. D. K. Lien and her sister, Mrs. Henry Folkerds, in memory of their father, L. E. Bragstad. There was talk of a possible merger with Our Savior's Congregation.



The parsonage on Hyland Avenue



*John Burman, Lewis Paulson, Pastor Johnson and Rolf Marck are burning the Fellowship Hall mortgage.*



*Beginning of a church service in 1957.*

The following names of council members appeared in the minutes of the 50's. Les Sjobeck, Chet Johnson, Palmer Sondreal, Willie Nelson, Arvid Nelson, Rolf Marck, Elmer Olson, Ira Lindgren, Lewis Bragstad, Gilbert Carlson, Herb Olson, Palmer Theige, Fred Whitlark, D. K. Lien, Art Palmer, George Taylor, Alton Anderson, Richard Viken, John Burman, Milt Simon, Donald Johnson, Al Haney, Lewis Paulson, O. K. Bergquist and Glynn Nelson.

The 1959 council meetings were devoted to plans for a new church. They discussed the proposal to build elsewhere in the city, but decided to remain on the original site. Art Palmer was elected to serve as treasurer for the building fund and the council authorized the trustees to approve all bills before payment. In October of 1960, Cohn and Peterson were engaged as architects. A budget and finance plan were adopted that would net \$120,000 for the building fund by 1963,

In 1961 it was estimated that the church would cost \$135,000. Supply pastors were paid \$25 plus 5¢ a mile to serve Sundays during Pastor Johnson's vacation. The parsonage was redecorated with Walter Peterson doing the work.



*Pastor Johnson and Family*

The 70th Anniversary was celebrated in March of 1962. Mr. Stoll of Minneapolis was engaged to dismantle the old pipe organ and re-assemble it later in the new structure. The date for starting removal was set for April. The little white church was advertised for bids with removal set for May 1. The pews were sold to Apple River Church.



*Pastor Johnson dedicates the Missal Bible and stand given in memory of Elmer Olson.*





*An interior view of the first church in 1962.*



*The painting from the old altar is displayed in the hallway.*



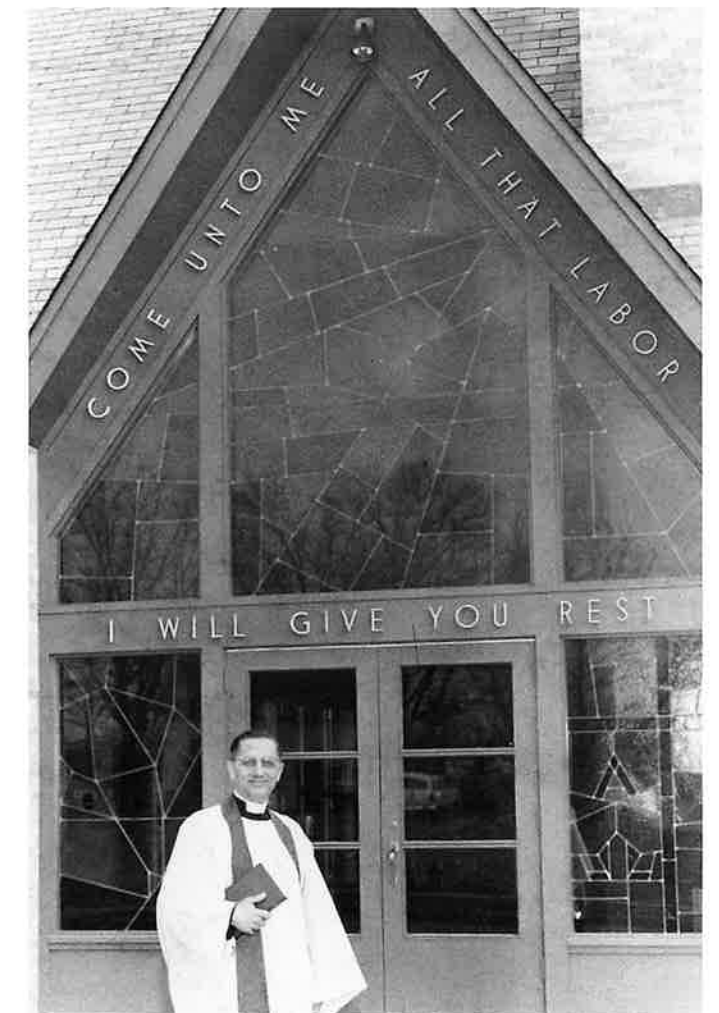
*The 60's Altar Committee: Julia Olson, Anna Nelson, Esther Hillpert, Alma Halverson and Ellen Nelson.*



*An interior view of the new church in 1963.*

During the construction period, church was held at the Stenberg Mortuary. Church groups held their meetings at the Amery City Hall, the Congregational Church Fellowship Hall and the American Legion Hall. Bids were opened on March 27, 1962. The building was bid in at \$101,371.63; mechanical at \$23,487; electrical at \$10,371.63 by Kerwin Erickson of Amery. An additional \$20,000 was allowed for architectural fees, pews, altar, pulpit, communion rail, etc., for a total of \$155,158.63.

The new church was dedicated on April 28, 1963. A three year pledge program was set up to apply on the new debt. Since some extra payments had been made by members, retirement of payments were ahead of schedule. The stewardship chairman, Win Johnson, reported a successful response had netted \$15,300 for the general fund. It was a busy year with many decisions relative to curtains, carpet in the balcony, church sign on the south side and other fixtures.



*Pastor Johnson by the main entry.*



Lily display at Easter.



Design in one of the stained glass windows.



Christmas Candlelight Service

Christmas in the new church was very special. The following were in charge of the program: JoAnn Johnson, Onilea Sondreal, Nancy Haselhorst, Catherine Johnson, Lavone Nielsen, Wilma Palmer, Ruth Jerdee and Adele Stearns.

Harvey Hanson was supply pastor for four Sundays in the Summer of 1964 while Pastor Johnson was on vacation. The balance due on the building fund was \$80,833 on the \$90,000 loan. The council authorized the construction of a redwood church sign on the south side of the church. Aluminum siding was installed on the parsonage. The Don Winchells took over the custodial duties.

Council members in 1965 were: President Jim Brackin, Dr. Harry Hansen, Dr. O. N. Arneson, Win Johnson, Art Palmer, and Ralph Hegg. Pastor Johnson accepted a call to Marshalltown, IA and Pastor Loberg accepted the call to Amery. Gary Park, Pastor of Balsam Lutheran, was our vice pastor in the interim. Mrs. Olga Sjobeck was sent a letter of appreciation for 30 years of teaching Sunday School. Gerry Bieniasz was financial secretary.

There were 370 adult members in 1966, and the number of family units was 227. The building loan balance was \$64,200.

Floyd Matson was sent a letter of appreciation for serving as Sunday School Superintendent. Norm Osero was the organist.

New members on the council in 1967 were: Paul Dzubay, Walt Olson, Floyd Matson and Les Gullickson. The other members were Jim Brackin, Ralph Hegg, Ralph Mickelson, Jack Larsen, Win Johnson, Jerry Carlson, Dave Johnson and D. K. Lien. The council considered carpeting the aisles of the church.

The 75th anniversary was celebrated May 28, 1967. The ladies groups, led by president Adele Stearns, and typist, Evelyn Dzubay, had prepared an anniversary book and a cookbook for the occasion. Special guests were Dr. Matson from the synod and the Reverend Norman Magnuson. The M & M Club started a nursery for the 10:30 service. The FLCW had a stand at the Amery Fall Festival. A tape recorded slide show of the activities of the church was produced. Lou Williamson received the Pro Deo et Patria Award. He was the first Boy Scout from our church to receive this honor. It is awarded for service to the church.

Council members in 1968 were: President Les Gullickson, Paul Dzubay, Dave Johnson, Jerry Carlson, Ralph Mickelson, Duane Kittel, Bob Lee, D. K. Lien, Floyd Matson, Jack Larsen and Jim Brackin. The building loan balance was \$53,261. The council voted \$25 to the fund to send the Amery High School Band to Winnipeg. The senior choir director was Clint Gjerde; the junior choir director was Catherine Johnson, the organist was Norm Osero; the Hi-League President was Terry Christopherson. Cottage meetings were held to promote the stewardship drive.



Pastor Loberg and Family



Pastor Tom Nygaard

New council members in 1969 were Harold Pearson, Les Sjobeck, Elmer Nielson and Marlin Swanson. The head usher was Roy Gilbertson with Bill Nacey assisting. Another three year pledge period was conducted with \$22,000 pledged. The FLCW sponsored a Mother-Daughter Banquet on May 14th and a Father-Son Banquet on November 10th. The Hi-League attended a retreat at the Lutheran Bible Camp, and attended a Twins ball game. John Larsen received the Pro Deo et Patria Award.

Other members who served on the council in the 60's were: John Burman, Richard Viken, Lewis Paulson, Rolf Marck, O. K. Bergquist, Melvin Carlson, Al Haney, Vince Erickson, Harry Bodsberg and Ray Larsen.

Mrs. Ray Larsen was FLCW President in 1970 when they placed the ladies in work groups. A folk service was held in June with the youth participating in the writing of the liturgy and in the presentation. Dennis and Brad Nelson accompanied on guitar.

There were 361 adult members and 155 children on the church roll for a total of 536 members.

Chuck Williamson and Mark Larsen received the Pro Deo et Patria Award.

Pastor Loberg accepted a call to Wisconsin Rapids and Pastor Bingea became our vice pastor. Our congregation sent \$657 to the Carthage College Fine Arts Center. Pastor Nygaard joined us in 1971. Allan Anderson was the Sunday School Superintendent with Dr. Howard Fischer assisting. A contemporary service was held on November 21st.

The parsonage was sold in 1972 for \$21,000. Mr. and Mrs. Thornton Cole took over the custodial duties from the Doug Gundersons. The 80th Anniversary was celebrated with a dinner on April 9th. A tri-county Bible Conference was held in our church. Paul Bieniasz received the Pro Deo et Patria Award.

New floor covering was installed in the kitchen with funds from the FLCW. They also purchased six new folding tables. Pledges were received for the purchase of stained glass windows for the west side of the sanctuary.

The stained glass windows were installed in 1974. Steve Bieniasz earned the Pro Deo et Patria Award.

Ordination services were held for Gregg Stoddard on February 9th of 1975. New council members were: Elaine Meyers, Jon Buss and Jerry Carlson. Jeff Claussen received the Pro Deo et Patria Award the same year. On December 28th of 1975, the church mortgage was burned.

New council members, including a youth representa-



Head Usher, Roy Gilbertson, tapes a Sunday service.

tive were: Bob Johansen, Wanda Johnson and Barbara Bieniasz, who represented the youth of the congregation. The junior choir presented a cantata on April 7th. The council approved starting of a food bank to be sponsored by the Couples Club. Fourteen members of the Hi-League, with the Nygaards as chaperones, journeyed to New Orleans for the national convention. The council voted to pay their airfare. The Hi-League members had raised \$1,700 in preparation for the trip, with bake sales and pancake breakfasts. Tom Nacey took care of the August 15th and 22nd services while Pastor Nygaard was on vacation. The council voted to pay for Tom Nacey's tuition at the NW Theological Seminary. The FLCW had a successful Fall Festival stand with a profit of \$257.

New members on the council in 1977 were: Phil Kluge, Bruce Johnson, Arild Matson and Roy Beecroft. The FLCW funded new suspended ceilings in the restrooms. There was discussion about purchasing the Burman property to the north of the church for a parking lot. The 85th anniversary of the church was celebrated with a special service and a dinner. Pastor Norman Magnuson returned to give the sermon and Pastor Marvin Johnson was present also. The west parking lot was blacktopped. Steve Dierke became the next recipient of the Pro Deo et Patria Award. Our first intern, Chip Bouzard, joined us on May 7th of 1978. The choir journeyed to Orchestra Hall in the Twin Cities, for musical entertainment. A program was initiated to take pictures of the members using a polaroid camera. The pictures were displayed on a bulletin board in the hallway. The hand rails were added next to the steps to the altar. Copies of the newly revised hymnals were ordered and it was decided to start using the second setting. The Velkommen Club volunteered to purchase the Christmas gifts for the Sunday School.



The building committee and council members burn the church mortgage: Vin Erickson, Melvin Carlson, Ray Larsen, D. K. Lien, Pastor Nygaard, Ira Lindgren, Dr. Fred Whitlark and Milton Simon.

Irv Maas became the next custodian in 1979. A special offering was taken on July 8th for Luther Point Bible Camp. Kevin Trandum became the next scout to receive the Pro Deo et Patria Award. A new church sign was placed on Main Street, pointing the direction to First Lutheran.

Kathryn Herman, our second intern, joined our staff. The Hi-League served a chili supper on Ash Wednesday. The next Sunday School Superintendent was Judy Nygaard, who followed Kathy Krogh in that position. Other council members of the 70's not previously mentioned were: Paul Dzubay, Dr. Jack Larsen, Les Sjobeck, Les Gullickson, Elmer Nielsen, Duane Kittel, Vern Smith, Marlin Swanson, Floyd Matson, Ben Jacobson, Jim Dierke, Jim Yoder, Harold Pearson, Bob Lee, Roger Young, Dave Forrest, Arild Matson, Glen Clausen, and Jon Buss.

In 1980, Intern Robin Pierson was welcomed at a congregational dinner on September 7th. Gregg Dierke received the Pro Deo et Patria Award. Pastor Gustav Ander was honored on his 50th anniversary in the ministry. Seventeen youths attended Confirmation Camp at Luther Point. The pipe organ was upgraded to 10 ranks at a cost of \$36,470. They began taping Sunday services for the shut-ins.

New council members in 1981 were: Bob Lee, Duane Wolden, Roger Smith and Sally Pickard. The church budget was \$80,000. An overhead projector was purchased for the Sunday School. An evergreen was planted in front of the church by the Velkommen Club with plans to decorate it each year at Christmas. The members who did the planting were Jim Brackin, Roland Mittelsdorf and Freedolph Wahlstrom. A full time financial secretary was hired to replace Mildred Johnson, who had served that

position for 18 years. Evelyn Dzubay retired after serving 25 years as church secretary. Evelyn and Mildred were honored at a coffee hour between services.

The synod convention representatives studied plans for a merger of the ALC, LCA, & AELC. Tom Nacey completed studies at the seminary and was ready for a call. Bulletins were used in the Sunday School on a trial basis for a short time and then discontinued. Jon Buss donated a much needed copy machine for the office. Our next intern, Tim Dusenberg, was welcomed on Rally Sunday, September 18th at a pot luck dinner. Katie Herman was ordained on August 30th.

Kathy Williamson took over the directing of the junior and senior choirs. Just in time for Christmas sales, the Hi-League received their shipment of Christmas cards with a picture of the church on the cover.

Cushions for 8 pews were made in 1981 and at the same time, the material to finish the rest of the pews was purchased. The food pantry was reactivated. The council voted to take care of Diane Blahavietz's seminary tuition.

New council members in 1982 were: Gary Ganje, Ray Norsted, Karen Christopherson and Erin Gjerde (youth). Tom Nacey was ordained in January and in April the 90th anniversary was held. A Scandinavian pot luck dinner followed the special church services. A collection of confirmation and church photos were on display. Don Clifford started his internship on September 1st and Neil Pickard was engaged as our youth director. Phyllis Espegard and Kori Swanson were the Sunday School Superintendents.

New Council members in 1983 were: Kay Erickson, Duane Espgaard, Les Sjobeck and Mick Larsen. Ann Bergstrom was our next intern. Douglas Johnson was ordained.

Ceiling fans were installed in 1984 and the ramp from the Fellowship Hall to the Church level was installed. Funds from the D. K. Lien memorial were used to purchase junior choir robes.

The next year our intern was Dan Alexander. The Hi-League earned money to donate to Barneveld Lutheran Church, which had suffered tornado damage. Transportation was provided for both services and the PA system was upgraded. Dorothy Hochstettler completed cataloging materials in the church library. Al Stenberg donated a Wurlitzer Piano for the sanctuary in memory of his wife, Agnes. A Baldwin piano was purchased for the loft.

New council members in 1985 were: Dr. O. N. Arneson, Gerry Bieniasz and Julie Lindberg. First Lutheran was named beneficiary of the Anna Nelson will. Pastor Nygaard resigned on April 20th, and a dinner was held and recognition given for his 14 years of service. Pastor Lawrence Day was issued a call. Melissa Larsen was elected to be the youth member on the council.

The senior choir received new robes in 1986. Norm Osero was honored for 20 years of dedicated service as an organist. The Burman property to the north of the church was purchased for a parking lot.

New council members in 1987 were: Barry Clark, Vicki Ganje, Marvin Maxon and Kathy Timm. Rice Lake was established as our synod headquarters, with Bishop Gerhard Knutson in residence there. Dave Teig was selected as our youth director. Diane Blahauvietz was ordained here on June 28th. Audio tape ministry enabled shut-ins to receive the Sunday services.

A special program was initiated in 1988 called "Multiply your \$5.00 and bring it back tenfold". Those interested received their money in July to invest in money making activities. On Rally Sunday in September, the original \$5.00 and the profit earned were returned to be applied on the synod allocation. Louise Lundbeck's memorials were used to purchase new tables for the Fellowship Hall. New council members were: Dr. Q. N. Arneson, Colleen Fansler, Gary Taxdahl and Allan Stoddard. Others serving in the 80's were: Norm Osero, Richard Rehm and Arild Matson.

With our centennial just two years away, the board selected Dan Lien chairman of the activities. New Council members in 1989 were: Dr. Fred Whitlark, Sheryl Burkel and Mary Lou Swanson. The Velkommen Club researched

and ordered the lighted outdoor sign with funds from the Ira Lindgren memorials. Karen Christopherson started duties as the next church secretary. Pastor Day resigned to accept a call to Cross Lutheran in Roberts. Pastor Emil Dockter was named interim pastor.

New furnaces were purchased and the lighted sign was installed in 1990. New council members were: Kay Erickson, Clint Gjerde, Harold Munkholm and Jon Buss.

Pastors Wilbert Johnson and Emil Dockter were honored at a reception in recognition of 40 years in the ministry. The Sunday School Children raised \$900 with the Haiti Hunger Hike. The centennial committee announced plans to have at least one centennial event per month for the year preceding July 4, 1992. Dave Teig, our youth director, started attending seminary.

In 1991, Pastor Marcia Pyle accepted our call to serve our parish, and she was installed on May 19th. A centennial kick-off picnic was held at the home of the Terry Christophersons. In August an ice cream social and auction were held at the church and north parking lot. September activities included: the Fall Festival Stand hosted by Gene & Wanda Johnson and Marv and Donna Noha; a centennial float in the parade and the church replica was displayed in the parade and in the church. The planners and builders of the scale model were: Dave Bieniasz, Larry Nicholas, Clint Gjerde, Duane Kittel, Paul and Gene Johnson. October activities included: confirmation, a bazaar, a reformation play, a hay-ride/wiener roast and the youth sponsored chili supper. November activities were: All Saints Day observance, a Lutheran Men in Mission Banquet and a joint Thanksgiving Service with the Congregational Church members who are also celebrating their centennial. December was very busy with Soup/Song and Advent, Christmas Program, Adult Manger Scene, 8:00 a.m. "Come as you are" Christmas service on December 25th. New members of the council that year were: Darrel Nelson, Elaine Meyer and Bobbie Clausen.



Hosts Jeff Chelberg and Bob Meyer with speaker, Bob Albers (center) at the Lutheran Men in Mission Banquet



Centennial kick-off picnic at Christopherson's. The scale model of our first church was built in fine detail. It was constructed by Dave Bieniasz, Larry Nicholas, Clint Gjerde, Duane Kittel, Paul and Gene Johnson.



Our float in the Fall Festival parade: Dixie and Dave Teig, Adele Stearns, Joanne Fretwell, Pastor Marcia Pyle and Ruth Olson. The children: Brooke Olson and Jordan Wold.



Pastor L. J. Day



Youth Director, Dave Teig



Interim Pastor, Emil Dockter

## GILBERT CARLSON REMEMBERS 85 YEARS AT FIRST LUTHERAN

Gilbert became a member of First Lutheran in 1906 when his parents, Charlie and Ida brought him to the Lord in Holy Baptism. He has remained a life-long member of this church. His early recollections are of going to church and Sunday School in a platform buggy pulled by one horse. It took about an hour and a half to get to Amery from their farm which was 5 1/2 miles NE of town. He remembers that many of the members in the early 1900's were farmers who came in to Amery to worship, and that they brought hay and oats for the preacher's horse and cows. It was a way to supplement the meager salaries of the pastors in those days. It definitely was the Swedish Lutheran Church in the early years as reflected by the names Gilbert remembers well as fellow members. There were the Carlson brothers, August and Charlie, and families of Pete Johnson, Pete Linner, Otto Swanson, Adolph Carlson, Charlie Peterson, along with the Burmans, Stenbergs, Gust Nelson, and others with a distinct Scandinavian sound.

Gilbert told about the original church building that had been erected before he was born, but remained unchanged until 1925 when they began to dig a basement under the existing building (that first frame structure no longer exists as it was torn down in order to build the present sanctuary). Gilbert was working for John Edmond that year and helped with the excavating process which was done with horses and scoop scrapers. This project came about because the women of the church wanted a kitchen where they could prepare church dinners. It became much more than that, however, as it served as Sunday School space, meeting area, kitchen and fellowship hall. One of the big events of the year was the annual Armistice Day dinner that was served for 50 cents and later the price was raised to \$1.00. These dinners provided the needed funds for many projects in the church and also served as wonderful time of fellowship. Gilbert's mother often served as the chairman of these events and he can almost see her and Olga Sjobeck in the old kitchen with the wood stove. (One can imagine the aroma of Swedish meatballs and fresh bread wafting through the doors).

Gilbert recalled that the rides to church were long, but not too bad, except that it was mighty cold going to the Sunday School Christmas program at night. He also remembered that there were times when they had to walk to church because the third horse (the one they used for the buggy) had been used for field work all week and needed to rest on the Sabbath.

In 1930, Gilbert was married, and his bride Ruby joined the church soon after their wedding. Although she had not been raised Lutheran, Ruby became an active and faithful member of First Lutheran, and she and her mother-in-law were regular attenders of Ladies Aid and Women's Missionary Society activities. When Gilbert and Ruby moved to the farm across the road from his folks, it provided transportation for Ida to church activities, because Ruby knew how to drive and wasn't afraid of the country roads even in the wintertime.

When the kids were old enough they went to church on Saturday to read for the minister (Confirmation instruction). There was quite an age span in the class because families wanted to bring more than one child at a time. Gilbert was 15 when he was confirmed in 1921 by Rev. M. Th. Andren, But his brother Roy was in the same class and he was only 13, and Burman brothers, Bill and John were probably 12 and 14. It didn't seem to be a problem to have the age difference, but the pastor might have had different thoughts on that, however. Six members of the class were confirmed on Swedish. They were Alma & Gust Carlson, Gilbert & Roy Carlson, Elsie Swanson and Agnes Carlson. John & Bill Burman, Alton Anderson and Emmett Stephanson were confirmed in English.

Gilbert also told about the original parsonage on Elm Street being built by the minister, J. A. Gustafson who later sold it to the congregation for a parsonage.

When asked why the church changed its name from Ebenezer Lutheran to First Lutheran, Gilbert recalls the discussion of wanting to indicate that of the three Lutheran churches in Amery, this one was the first to be established, but that there was also concern to make it less Swedish and more inclusive as the population in the area began to change, and families not of Swedish background were interested in joining the church.

First Lutheran has been the church home to four generations of the Chas. E. Carlson family. During those years Gilbert has witnessed many baptisms, confirmations, weddings and funerals of members of his family at this church, and he is privileged to have some of his immediate family as current members. When the new church was built in 1963, Gilbert's mother had the distinction of having been a member for the most years. Now as the church celebrates its centennial, Gilbert claims that place and he feels it is a very special honor.

It is good to know that this church which was established 100 years ago has ministered faithfully to its people, and that the people continue to serve their God in this fellowship.

In response to questions about the church building,

Christmas delivery. The centennial celebration was scheduled for July 4, 1992. Some of the events planned for January 1 through July 4, 1992 were as follows:

In January, a celebration of the Baptism of our Lord Sunday and Martin Luther King Day were planned.

February of 1992 brought a marriage enrichment retreat and renewal of vows. March and April celebrations included; Soup/Song/Story on Wednesday evenings, a Lenten Cantata, a Charter Day Organ Recital, a Seder Meal on Maunday Thursday, a 6:00 am Easter Service, a 7:00 Easter Breakfast and the 9:00 am and 10:30 am Easter Services.

May included a "turnaround" service with the children and a Memorial Day Service at the cemetery. Pioneer Bible School was in June and included a carnival and box lunch auction.

Finally, July 1992 brought the end of the 100th year with an Alumni Choir Concert, an historical service, a picnic, centennial communion and a formal dinner.

And so LITTLE FIGHTING EBENEZER LUTHERAN CHURCH celebrated 100 years of life in our community. We look forward to the next century with excitement as we continue our Christian journey together.



Head Ushers: Front Row: Bill Nacey & Duane Kittel. Back row: Marvin Maxon, Bob Pearson and Gary Garje. These ushers and Roy Gilbertson have each served many years in this service to the church.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

1892 The congregation was first organized on April 14th with 19 members.

1895 The Reverend Jonas Magney, pastor of Balsam Lutheran Church, conducted services here once a month from 1895 to 1903.

1898 The congregation bought a lot and built a church for \$1,000.

1904 The Reverend J. A. Gustafson was the first resident pastor.

1905 Pastor Gustafson built the first parsonage.

1906 The Ladies Aid was organized. Gilbert Carlson, who in 1992, has been a member the most number of years, was baptized into membership in 1906.

1910 The Reverend M. Andren started serving our congregation.

1911 The parsonage was purchased from Pastor Gustafson.

1917 Our 25th anniversary was celebrated.

1920 The Women's Missionary Society was formed.

1921 Offering envelopes were used for the first time.

1927 The Reverend M. A. Melford became our next pastor. A basement was added to the church for \$1,000.

1931 The Reverend A. P. Almen became our 4th resident pastor.

1937 The Reverend C. J. Karl was our next pastor.

1941 The original church was remodelled at a cost of \$3,000.

1942 The Reverend L. K. Anderson joined us and we celebrated our 50th anniversary.

1943 An electric organ was purchased.

1949 The Reverend N. I. Magnuson became our 7th resident pastor.

1950 The first pipe organ was installed. The M & M Club was organized.

1952 The 60th anniversary was celebrated. The basement addition was added at a cost of \$31,000.

1954 The Reverend Clarence Seburg joined us.

1956 The Reverend M. D. Johnson arrived and moved into the newly acquired parsonage on Hyland Avenue.

1957 The mortgage for the basement addition was burned.

1959 The congregation voted to conduct a building fund for the purpose of building a new church.

1962 The little white church was razed in April.

1963 The new church was dedicated on April 28th.

1965 The Reverend John Loberg became our 10th resident pastor.

1967 The 75th anniversary was celebrated.

1971 The Reverend Tom Nygaard was our next minister.

1974 The stained glass windows were installed. Couples Club started.

1975 Elaine Meyer was the first woman to serve on the council. The church mortgage was burned.

1976 Barb Bieniasz was the first youth representative on the council.

1978 The seminary intern program began with Walter "Chip" Bouzard.

1979 Katie Herman was our second intern.

1980 The Reverend Gustav Ander was honored for his 50th year in the ministry. Robin Pearson was our third intern.

1981 The organ was expanded to 10 ranks. Marilyn Wahlstrom, guest organist, played the organ at the dedication. Tim Dusenberg was our fourth intern.

1982 The bishop attended the 90th anniversary celebration. Don Clifford was our 5th intern.

1983 Ann Bergstrom was our 6th intern.

1984 Dan Alexander was the 7th intern to serve our church.

1985 The Reverend L. J. Day became our 12th resident pastor.

1990 The Reverend E. Dockter was our interim minister. A new lighted sign was installed.

1991 Our present pastor, the Reverend Marcia L. Pyle, joined us. Lutheran Men in Mission was established in the synod and a branch opened in Amery with a banquet on November 12th.

1992 The 100th anniversary celebrated.

**CONCORDIA SOCIETY 1943 - 1959**

The earliest information on the Concordia Society was found in the minutes of November 15, 1943. This group of fourteen ladies met evenings in the homes. Annual dues of fifty cents per member and monthly offerings were sent to the district treasurer for missions at home and abroad. There were also work and flower funds. Hand work included dish towels, stuffed animals, quilts, baby bibs, kimonos, diapers, crib covers and other items.

A Mother's Day Supper was held in May, 1944, for First Lutheran mothers and daughters. The proceeds were sent to China Relief. This became an annual event involving all Concordia members who were assigned to one of four committees: Food, ticket, decorating or program. Proceeds of Mother-Daughter banquets were used to buy window shades, flower vases, hymnals, large and small tables and chairs, a hot water heater, electric roasters, silver service, table trucks, and carts.

Back yard pot-luck picnics were held once each summer in place of formal meetings.

In 1953, Ellie Johnson, Marion Marck, Pearl Larsen, Mary Lindgren, Beverly Viken and Ivadene Bergquist volunteered to serve on a committee to make Wisemen costumes for the Sunday School Christmas programs. Shepherds costumes were made later.

A Bridal Review and Tea were sponsored in 1957 to raise money for missionary, Alice Turnblad.

Each December, Christmas boxes were made up and sent to needy families, as well as cookie boxes to around twenty shut-ins.

At the February 5, 1959 meeting, a motion was made, seconded and carried to dissolve Concordia Society in favor of Augustana Lutheran Church Women.



Members of the Concordia Society model wedding dresses in a Spring Bridal Review in 1956. The models and the dress years are: Marianne Morrison ('55), Marie Williamson ('48), Lois Lien ('29), Sharon Hughes ('28), Bev Viken ('18) and Wilma Palmer ('08).

## WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY 1920 - 1959

The Women's Home Foreign Mission was organized in June, 1920, with twenty members. The monthly meetings were held afternoons in the homes. Dues were fifty-cents a year, along with offering, pledge boxes and work fund donations. Meetings usually opened with a hymn, followed by Pastor-led scripture reading and prayer. Offerings were sent to foreign and home missions.

To celebrate their 25th anniversary, the Society met in the church the evening of June 22, 1945, with the congregation invited. Officers at that time were Mrs. Adolph Hedlund, Mrs. John Edman and Mrs. Herbert Olson.

In December 1948, a food sale was held jointly with the Concordia Society to raise money towards the support of missionary Alice Turnblad in Africa.

## LADIES AID AND FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

*1906 - 1920 Translated from Swedish by Adele Stearns*

The Ladies Aid of Ebenezer Church of Amery was organized in 1906 at a meeting in the home of Mrs. P. Wiberg. A committee was chosen to go through the list of women of the church to determine who to invite to join the group. Pastor Gustafson was elected president; his wife was named secretary; and Mrs. Staffenson was the first treasurer

The group continued to meet in homes of members. Roll was taken at each meeting and dues collected. There were 15 members at the second meeting and \$14.35 in dues were collected. At the third meeting, Deacon Anderson, from Clayton, led the worship. Lunch was a part of each meeting and it was decided that only three things and coffee should be served, and anyone serving more than three items would be fined \$5.00!

Some of the projects for the year included purchasing an ice cream freezer so they could have ice cream socials, and a collection of items for an auction to raise funds to purchase pews.

The names of the ladies that joined the first year were: Mesdames C. J. Bentson, August Carlson, Carl Carlson, Frederik Carlson, Ch. Elmgren, Charles Flood, J.A. Gustafson, Andrew Johnson, A. E. Johnson, Otto Johnson, P. Linner, P. Lundquist, William Lovegren, Gust Nelson, P. Nelson, August Olson, August Peterson, F. A. Peterson, C. A. Staffenson, Theo. Swanson, P. Wilberg, Otto Holsten, J.

A junior Missionary Society, started in 1951, met monthly with the Sunday School.

Over the years the ladies made quilts, aprons, pajamas, bed shirts, dresser scarves, napkins, pillowcases, towels and bandages. Most items were sent to Bethesda Invalid Home & Hospital and to Vasa Children's Home. Afghan Squares were knit and carpet rags sewn.

The Women's Missionary Society met for the last time on February 5, 1959. Motion was made and seconded to dissolve and join the Augustana Lutheran Church Women. Officers at that time were Mrs. A. R. Sjobeck, Mrs. Marvin Johnson and Mrs. Herbert Olson.

G. Burman, C. W. Stenberg, Otto Swanson, Theodore Swanson, John Edman, Andrew Clemmens and August Olson. Other names listed in the early years were: Mesdames Tom Lovegren, Swan Lambert, Albert Anderson, Peter Nelson, Viola Elmgren, Frances Elmgren, Knute Stone, Hans Bottolfson, Eric Fredrickson, Ole Johnson, Charles Carlson, Pete Johnson, C. A. Carlson, Axel Sponberg, N. V. Sandin, V. H. Christensen, E. M. Fay, Walter Carlson, Albert Peterson, Carl Lovegren, and Nels Johnson.

In 1907, Pastor Gustafson and his wife continued as president and secretary, and Mrs. Gust Nelson became treasurer. Most of the meetings must have been in the afternoon because it is mentioned in the minutes that the hostess for an occasional evening meeting would sometimes serve supper. The 1909 minutes stated that the Ladies Aid members served an oyster stew dinner for the public in the Smith Building on Keller Avenue.

The second Pastor, Reverend Andren, became a part of their meetings in 1910. In 1911 they had a stand at the Amery Street Fair and took in \$54.80. They also had income of \$51.25 from an afghan sale.

In 1914 the members donated one dollar each to help pay the parsonage electric bill. They also had a summer festival and an ice cream social stand at some city celebration, in July, most likely on the fourth. A new fund raiser was introduced, the making and selling of aprons. In 1916 a quilt raffle netted \$99.82.

The meetings continued with the same format up to 1920. Each meeting was opened with a prayer by the pastor, followed by a business meeting and a short program. Fund raising activities were discussed and monthly dues collected. Apparently, some hostesses tried to outdo the others by serving more elaborate lunches because from time to time it is mentioned in the minutes about limiting lunch to three items and coffee. If a member did not take a turn at her home she would have to contribute \$5.00 to the treasury. One member contributed \$5.00 frequently.

It is interesting to note that one of the oldest living members, Olga Sjobeck, was secretary of the Ladies Aid in 1920. During the years 1921-27 they continued to meet in the homes of the hostesses. Fund raisers included luncheons, with sale of handiwork, and bake sales. They purchased four dozen sets of dishware and silverware for the kitchen. Some of the summer meetings took advantage of the nice weather by having outside picnics at the home of the hostess. . . Mrs. A. R. Sjobeck was their treasurer in 1923 and 1924.

A basement was added to the church in 1927 so the ladies had a new place to meet. A motion was passed in 1928 that all future meetings would be conducted in English! A successful dinner and bazaar netted \$151 that year and they contributed to furnishings and curtains for the basement. The next year they held the summer dinner, a fancywork sale, and a chicken dinner and bazaar in the fall. The dinner was priced at 50¢ a plate, and the \$153 profit was used to purchase table cloths and Sunday School Books and to help with church expenses.

During the 30's they had the usual fund raising activities; the summer dinners, craft sales, fall chicken dinners and bazaars each year. Up to this time, the pastor usually served as president of the group, but starting in 1932, the ladies were elected to serve all the offices. Julia Hillbery, Julia Olson and Alma Palmer were the first to serve the top office. Other members mentioned in the minutes from this period included Blanche Isaacson, Alma Halverson, Olga Sjobeck, Julia Hillbery, Olga Hedlund, Amanda Stenberg, Elga Edmond, Hanna Hazelquist, Ellie Johnson, Sadie Burman, Alma Palmer, Harriet Bragstad, Adele Stearns, Irene Karl and Louise Olson. Projects included painting and decorating the parsonage, painting the basement and purchases for the Sunday School. In 1939 they hosted the annual meeting of the Apple River District.

The period of the 40's were very busy times for the ladies of the church. Sugar was rationed during those war years and the women had to beg sugar from members to make cookies to send overseas to our servicemen. Activities included collecting clothing to send to Europe and making bandages. They served a convention of Sunday School Teachers, a dinner for the district pastors and wives, and the annual chicken dinners and smorgasbords.

Pastor L. K. Anderson was with us from 1942 to 48. Ladies serving as president were: Mrs. Dave Palmer, Mrs. Lewis Bragstad, Mrs. Ellie Johnson and Mrs. Rolf Marck. With the usual fund raisers, they contributed to the organ fund, purchased hymnals, purchased five dozen place settings of dinner dishes, and in 1947 pledged to pay \$500 a year the next three years towards a building fund.

The decade of the 50's opened with plans to add a basement on the east side of the church. The dedication of the new structure was in 1952 and coincided with the celebration of the 60th anniversary.

The group continued to be very active with fund raising projects and pledged to continue a minimum of \$500.00 a year to the building fund. Some of the activities were as follows: they served Community Club Dinners, pie and coffee lunches, pot lucks and High School Jr-Sr- Banquets. They hosted the Fall Festival Stands and the 1957 Area Luther League Convention.

In 1958 they joined with the Congregational Church Members to celebrate World Day of Prayer. They supported the Apple River Memorial Hospital and the Gustavus Chapel Funds with monetary gifts, and purchased additional silverware and place settings to bring the service up to 175.

On January 14, 1959, the members of the Ladies Aid, Womens Missionary Society and the Concordia Society met to discuss a merger of the groups into one organization called the Lutheran Church Women. They all had been members of the Minnesota Conference, a part of the Augustana Synod. A reorganization had taken place that made us part of the Apple River District of the Upper Michigan Synod. By merging the former groups into one organization, they conformed to the new policy and were called FLCW, First Lutheran Church Women.

Elected to serve as the first officers were:

President: Ellie Johnson Education: Beverly Paulson  
Vice Pres: Marion Marck Service: Mildred Johnson  
Treasurer: Julia Olson Membership: Dorothy Johnson  
Secretary: Wilma Palmer

At the time of the March meeting there were 85 members. They voted to divide into Bible Study units named Martha, Rachael, Ruth, Esther, Miriam, Dorcas and Naomi.

One unit met mornings, two met afternoons and the rest preferred evenings. Some of the activities were: making quilts, hospital gowns, pillows, blankets, serving Jr-Sr Banquets, Father-Son Banquets, wedding receptions, sponsoring clothing drives for Lutheran World Relief, holding rummage sales, making baked goods and jellies for the rest homes, serving birthday parties at Golden Age Manor, packing and delivering food boxes to the needy at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

In 1960, Helen Floreen, Faith Lutheran of Balsam Lake, and Mildred Johnson, Amery First Lutheran, were selected to represent the Apple River District at the National Convention of Lutheran Church Women at Kansas City. Because of the success of their fund raising projects, they contributed \$1,100 to the building fund and purchased a slide projector for the Sunday School. They contributed \$1,370 to the building fund, \$400 to the synod, \$25 to the Head Start program, \$50 to the organ chimes fund, purchased a 75 cup coffee pot and contributed to a piano fund.

Mrs. Lewis Paulson was their delegate to the ALCW Conference at Wilmar, Minnesota in 1961. They made donations to the March of Dimes, Wood Lake Bible Camp, the Volga Rest Home and the building fund. They sponsored the area Lutheran Welfare Society Workshop which was held in our church and attended by more than 100 delegates.

In 1962 the 70th anniversary was celebrated with a dinner. Sadie Burman and Onilea Sondreal were host-

esses. They served the usual receptions and banquets up to April when the little white church was demolished to make room for the new church. A very successful Christmas Fair earned \$1,700.

For the period 1967 to 69, Adele Stearns was president and other active members were: Bea Stoddard, JoAnn Johnson, Lila Ward, Mary Lou Swanson and Kris Arneson. Activities: they supported a Korean Orphan, made rugs and blankets from nylon stockings, knitted squares for afghans, produced a cookbook, made cookies and favors for Golden Age Manor, made layettes for Polk County Indian Women, distributed Christmas boxes of food, and with the assistance of the school nurse, supplied Christmas gifts for needy children.

In the decade of the 70's the following served as presidents: Elaine Meyers, JoAnn Buss, Mary Lou Swanson, Diane Blahauvietz. Other officers were: Lila Carlson, Kris Arneson, Judy Nygaard, Ruth Young, Bea Stoddard, Mildred Johnson, Julie Lindberg, Gerry Bieniasz and Wilma Palmer.



FLCW: Back Row: Sheryl Burkel and Gerry Bieniasz, Circle Leaders; JoAnn Clark and Wilma Palmer, Co-Presidents; Kathy Timm, Secretary; Kay Erickson, Circle Leader; Julie Riemenschneider, Treasurer. Front Row: Elaine Meyer and Helen Shafer, Circle Leaders.

The proceeds from the many fund raising activities were used as follows; contributions from the Ladies Aid plus memorial funds in honor of Elmer Hillberry and Kenneth Anderson totaled \$1,200 and were added to the carpet fund. They gave a donation to Meals on Wheels, \$100 to Lutheran World relief, \$75 for hymnals for Golden Age and Crestview, \$1,000 for church projects and the stained glass windows, purchased white table cloths and stainless steel serving sets for the dining room, carpeted the nursery and the choir loft, and purchased a full length mirror for the downstairs hall. In 1977 they served a dinner as part of the celebration of the 85 church anniversary.

Adele Stearns represented First Lutheran at the 9th annual convention of LCW. The 1979 Christmas Bazaar netted close to \$3,000!

In the decade of the 80's, the FLCW was led by the following presidents, each serving two year terms: Kathy Krogh, Bobbie Clausen, JoAnn Buss and Co-Presidents: Kay Erickson & Sally Pickard and Mary Lou Swanson & Wilma Palmer. Other officers included Kathy Williamson, Julie Lindberg and Adele Stearns.

The activities included all the usual projects plus: a mini-retreat was held at the home of Diane Blahauvietz. Kay Erickson presented a program in 1983 on the work of the Social Ministry from her experiences as district chairperson. The 1984 bazaar netted \$1,900. They donated \$75 to the Community Referral Agency to help support the program for battered women in Polk County. The Mother-Daughter Banquet had an attendance of 175 in 1985.

Kay Erickson related her experiences of her trip to Germany. Care packages were prepared for farm families in 1989, and \$50 was given to support Exodus House.



Quilting Group: Back row: Lois Gullickson, Mae Cole, Marian Wahlstrom, Thelma Kittel, JoAnn Buss, Sally Pickard, Esther Mittelsdorf. Front row: Ivdene Bergquist, Julia Hillbery, Mildred Johnson

They drew up a new constitution for the local LCA to conform to the new ELCA Constitution.

Francis Cotch, from Clayton, Vice-President of ELCA, reported on her experiences as delegate to the Synodical Women's Organization meeting in Anaheim, California.

The Chairmen of the Fall Festival Stands from 1980-91 were Kay Erickson, Rick and Pat Troff (5 yrs.), Glen and Bobbie Clausen (2 yrs.), Win and Mildred Johnson, Gene and Wanda Johnson with Mick and Leslie Larsen, and Gene and Wanda Johnson with Marv and Donna Noha.

The 1991-92 Officers were: Co-Presidents: Wilma Palmer & JoAnn Clark; Secretary, Kathy Timm; Treasurer, Julie Riemenschneider. A very successful bazaar was chaired by Gerry Bieniasz and Barb Henry netting over \$4,000. In summary, each of the following activities have been sponsored since 1967 or before: A Compassions Child had been supported, rummage sales held, delegates have attended convention and an Advent Program has been held.

For a century, the women of the congregation have demonstrated willingness to support God's work in all phases of church growth.

Now as they look to the future, they pledge as a community of Lutheran Church women, created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, to commit themselves to grow in faith, support one another in their callings, witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, society and the world.



## M & M, COUPLES AND VELKOMMEN CLUBS 1950-1992

The M & M Club was organized on January 31, 1950. At the February meeting the following officers were elected: Graham Frear, President; Harriet Huset, Vice President; Ruth Jerdee, Secretary; and Eunice Johnson, Treasurer.

At the April meeting the group selected the M & M name. The other names considered were Mr. and Mrs. Club, Couples Club, Twosomes and King's Kupples. To join the club the couples had to have a combined age of less than 80! There was no stipulation that when couples reached that age that they would have to leave the club.

Some of the activities enjoyed by the club were: sleigh rides, hay rides, tobogganing, family picnics, all day outings square dancing, progressive dinners, ping-pong, shuffle board and fish fries.

The club helped with many community and church projects. They served community club dinners, established and staffed a nursery, provided nursery toys, helped welfare families, helped with church painting, decorated for Christmas, served coffee after lenten services, helped purchase choir robes and stage curtains. They also helped with Little League, Bible camp, cub scouts and books for the library. In the early 70's the club was not active and a new group selected a steering committee to organize a new start. The committee consisted of Cal and Ann Sprain,

Freedolph and Marian Wahlstrom and Vic and Gerry Claussen. They continued under the M & M banner until 1978 when they ruled to allow all ages and singles to join and then changed the name to Velkommen Club.

Some of the activities were: theater outings, Christmas parties, nature trips, picnics, slide shows of members trips, museum trips, monthly potlucks, and trips to dinner theaters.

Their service projects included helping with Easter breakfasts, food baskets for needy families at Thanksgiving and Christmas, decorating the church for Christmas, purchasing coffee and other supplies for the kitchen and supported many other church projects such as the new lighted sign.

The 1991 officers were: President, Harold Munkholm; Secretary, Eunice Johnson; Treasurer, Al Stoddard. Members included; Janet Munkholm, Bea Stoddard, Walt and Lorraine Andren, O. K. and Ivdene Bergquist, Jim and Val Brackin, Vic and Gerry Claussen, Les and Lois Gullickson, Melvin and Lorraine Carlson, Dorothy Edmister, Ed and Lois Hover, Catherine Johnson, Eunice Johnson, Win and Mildred Johnson, Rolf and Marcella Marck, Esther Mittelsdorf, Wilma Palmer, Adele Stearns, Dave and Dixie Teig, Freedolph and Marian Wahlstrom and Margaret Winchell.



Velkommen Club: Back Row: Les Gullickson, Al Stoddard, Walter Andren, Melvin Carlson, Harold Munkholm. Middle Row: Dave Teig, Bea Stoddard, Mildred Johnson, Janet Munkholm, Lorraine Andren, Lorraine Carlson, Win Johnson. Front Row: Ed Hover, Lois Hover, Lois Gullickson, Esther Mittelsdorf, Eunice Johnson and Margaret Winchell. The photo was taken at an outing at the Wapo Bible Camp.



Julie Selle & Toni Brekke

First Lutheran has been fortunate to have talented organists to enhance our worship services. Our present organists are Julie Selle (16 years), Toni Brekke (2), and Norm Osero (26).



Norm Osero

Prior to our present custodians, Lois and Les Gullickson, the following served the congregation in this arduous task: Chas Sjoblom, Perl Johnson, Margaret and Don Winchell, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Clark, Thornton and Mae Cole, Irv Maas and Doug and Bev Gunderson.



Custodians: Les & Lois Gullickson



Cathy Hagen, Treasurer & Julie Christian, Financial Secretary

**SENIOR CHOIR**



1954 SENIOR CHOIR: Back row: Al Stenberg, Bill Lewis, Al Haney, Les Sjobeck, Alton Anderson, Bruce Johnson, Verna Haney, Middle row: Irene Olson, Phyllis Lee, Ruth Jerdee, Hazel Berg, Sharon Haney, Eunice Johnson. Front row: Marie Williamson, Betty Toftness, Olga Sjobeck, Harriet Huset, Vicki Danielson.



CHOIR: Back row: Dr. Paul Elbing, Matt Johnson, Clint Gjerde, Neil Anderson, Jon Buss. Third row: Bruce Johnson, Lou Williamson, Dan Lien, Al Stoddard, Bob Meyer. Second row: Kathy Williamson, Kay Erickson, Margaret Lien, Judy Warmanen, Ruth Jerdee, Sheryl Burkel. Front row: Milly Glaus, Dixie Teig, Sue Johnson, Diane Taxdahl, Bea Stoddard, Elaine Meyer.



1949 Junior Choir: Back row; Jerry Sondreal, Bruce Johnson, Mary Ann Matson, Kay Larsen, Bob Nelson, Marvin Matson. Middle row: Betty Matson, Faith Bohmbach, Mary Lien, Vicki Danielson, Mary Ann Luke, Michael Larsen. Front row: Rodney Nelson, Charmone Bohmbeck, Charlotte Olson, Barb Dzubay, Sharon Danielson and David Jerdee.



1954 JUNIOR CHOIR: Back row: Larry Danielson, Faith Bohmbach, Louise Johnson, Jackie Bodsberg, Barbara Dzubay, Mick Larsen, Jon Bergquist, Jerry Sondreal, Mary Lien, Jackie Bergquist, Kay Larsen. Middle row: Charlotte Olson, Phyllis Seburg, Joan Carlson, Sharon Danielson, Rodney Nelson, David Ritchie, Susan Burman, Charmone Bohmbach, Kathy Bottolison, Director Verna Haney. Front row: Joyce Seburg, Janet Dzubay, Lorna Ward, Ruth Olson, Dan Lien, Steve Sondreal, David Jerdee, James Haney, Tom Huset.

## LUTHER LEAGUE OF EBENEZER LUTHERAN CHURCH ORGANIZED JANUARY 19, 1922

The membership of this organization was to consist of all people who are members of the Lutheran Church and all people who endorse the purpose of the League, who upon application have been regularly admitted. Meetings were to be held once a month with the church library open during the meeting hours.

At the first meeting the following officers were elected: President, Esther Andren; Vice President, Roy Flood; Secretary, Deborah Swanson; Treasurer, Arvid Nelson.

In 1927, Rev. Melford became the new pastor. The Clayton Lutheran League traded programs back and forth with Amery in these years as well as with other Luther Leagues. The New Years Eve meetings were called "New Years Wakes." Olga Sjobeck's name was regularly seen in the minutes as providing part of the program.

In 1931, the League voted to pay for the piano tuning which amounted to \$3.50. In August of that year the League voted to have an ice cream social in the city park.

Cost for the ice cream and cake was \$0.10 and the proceeds were \$14.06.

All of the meetings in the next years were very much the same with opening prayer, scripture and a program of some kind followed by lunch in the church basement. There evidently was an orchestra in the church which played at many of the meetings.

In 1941 the League voted to give the church \$75.00 toward remodeling. They also voted to purchase some carpeting for the church.

During the War, there were many reminders to write to our boys in the service.

The last minutes we have for the Luther League are for December 31, 1945. Many of the members of the Luther League from the 30's and 40's are still active members of our church. Many others are still in Amery, but became members of other churches after marriage.

## JUNIOR LUTHER LEAGUE 1945 - 1955

The Junior Luther league was active in the years from 1945 to 55 under the direction of Pastors L. K. Anderson, N. I. Magnuson and C. Seburg. The 1945 officers were: Pres. Beverly Hedlund; V. P., Ardel Hazelquist; Treas., Genevieve Olson; Secretary, Richard Rehm.

The members mentioned in the minutes during this period were: Deloris Pearson, Marilyn Stearns, Marie Stenberg, June Pearson, Betty Higgins, Donna Peterson, Betty Burke, Lorraine Rehm, Jerry Carlson, Burnam DeLong, Phyllis Peterson, Joan Bulow, Marilyn Van Hyfte, Irv Madsen, Ronnie Marck, Dick Bale, Bill Bale, Dave Johnson, Bruce Johnson, Jackie Bergquist, John Madsen, Rodney Nelson, Mary Lien, Kay Larsen, Sharon Haney, LaVern Burke, Melvin Carlson, Duane Booth, Vince Chelstrom, Kenny Madsen, Bob Marck, Bob Nelson, Kent Warhol, Jan Luke, Jay Luke, Marvin Mattson, Charlotte Stenberg, Marlys Lundbeck and Corrine Bulow.

They sent delegates to the district meetings and occasionally to the national convention, one of which was attended by Bill Bale, Dave Johnson and Wayne Olson.

The meetings followed a general format; The meeting was opened with scripture reading and prayer by the pastor, followed by readings, discussions, and hymn singing. There apparently were some fine voices in the group because they sang a number of hymns at each meeting. For entertainment they presented skits, put on a play, and played the piano and musical instruments.

During the spring and fall they sponsored picnics, wiener roasts and hay rides and in the winter they had skating and tobogganing parties. They frequently invited leaguers from Clayton, Clear Lake, Range, Balsam and St. Croix to join them. Each year they sponsored a Youth Sunday Church Service.

## HI-LEAGUE

The youth of our congregation are a very important part of our church and have been very active over the past 25 years.

Potluck suppers, ice cream socials, the Easter breakfast and chili suppers have been some of the events the Hi-League have participated in. A yearly youth service, and lefse bake have also been part of the youth involvement.

Sponsoring Korean orphans, hunger lock-ins to raise money for world hunger, as well as our own food pantry, and helping persons in areas in the United States where natural disasters occurred, were some of the social issues the youth have dealt with. In 1974 they also sponsored a talent show entitled "You'll Never Walk Alone" to raise money for cystic fibrosis.

The summer of 1976 found 14 of our young people attending a national youth convention in New Orleans, Louisiana. 1985 found our youth at Purdue University and 1988 they were headed to Texas for the youth convention there. A synod ski-in in Northern Michigan was also among the events our youth have participated in. The congregation has been very supportive when it came time to raise the money needed to send our youth to these events.

Interns became a part of First Lutheran and the Hi-League in 1978 and along with them came the annual canoe trip. A trip down the Namekagon River, near Hayward, became a yearly event until 1985. Since that time, Journey of the Cross has been a focal point for our youth.

Many changes have taken place over the past twenty-five years, but the importance of the youth in this congregation has remained the same. As we look forward to our next 100 years of faith, let us pray that same importance continues.



1959 Hi-League Officers: Lorna Ward, Jerry Sondreal, Ruth Olson. Front row: Kathleen Bottolfson, Louise Johnson, Sue Burman and Advisor, Lois Lien



1964 Hi-League Group: Back row: Dennis Amans, Bill Hegg, Neil Carlson, Dave Toftness, Mike Pearson, Mark Johnson, Roger Hegg, Larry Wilson. Third row: Cheryl Jacobson, Keith Gullickson, Tom Johnson, Gary Johnson, Greg Stoddard. Second row: Pastor Marvin D. Johnson, Karen Knutson, Sue Sjobeck, Paula Larsen, Sally Sondreal, Jean Bottolfson, Mary Winchell, Holly Johnson, Norm Knutson, Advisor. Front row: Jayne Hover, Mona Jacobson, Cindy Palmer, Debbie Mills, Patty Pearson.

## Sunday School

Sunday School has been a very important part of our church life throughout the past century.

The early minutes of the church council indicated that the parents had a vital interest in the spiritual education of their children. The congregation was organized in 1892 and the first few years the religious instruction was in the members homes. In 1893 they met in Charles Manson's home.

In 1894 or 95 they acquired a building and made arrangements for Jonas Magney, pastor of Balsam Lutheran, to spend one Sunday a month here for Sunday School and church. The Sunday School instruction was in Swedish up to 1923.

The Sunday School year was from the first Sunday in March through the Christmas season and the highlight of the year was the Christmas program. Those attending to view the Sunday School Christmas Program were charged 10¢. The trustees provided for the treats for the Sunday School Students; a tub of apples for bobbing and a bag of candy & peanuts.

Summer school was held in the spring for 4 to 6 weeks. The classes were held in the public school and the teacher was usually a student from Gustavus Adolphus College.

Superintendents who served prior to 1925 included: Solomon Anderson, Charles Staffenson, C. A. Staffenson, and Theo. Swanson.

In 1916, there were 46 students in Sunday School



1931 Sunday School Group

and 17 were confirmed that year.

Up until this time most of the instruction and sermons were in Swedish. In 1923 the Council agreed to have the Sunday School opening and closing in English on alternate Sundays.

During the Pastor Andren era, Sunday School was conducted among the pews and Saturday confirmation instruction was held at the parsonage. Two weeks of Swedish instruction was held in the summer at the church and a few times in the "Pine Hill" School because quite a few rural members lived in that area. Several people worked with the children in the early Sunday School, but much of the burden was carried by the Staffenson family.

After 1926, during the Pastor Melford era, Sunday School was still held in the pews, but summer Swedish classes were discontinued. Alma Halverson served as superintendent, and Pastor Melford usually conducted the opening and closing ceremonies. During these years some of the confirmation instruction was combined with churches in Clayton and Clear Lake.

The next era was during the tenure of Pastor Almen. In 1932, with L. E. Bragstad as superintendent, Sunday School was conducted in the church basement. Saturday confirmation classes were held in the kitchen at 10:00 am and usually lasted past noon. The early arriving boys would fire up the wood range and in a short time it was a perfect setting for matters concerning "Hades". Sometimes we would ask when we would be confirmed and Pastor Almen said, "When you know it". Vacation Bible School was begun during this era. The first year it was conducted by a Gustavus student, Russell Nelson. Due to the hard times and lack of funds, Pastor Almen conducted the summer sessions thereafter.

In the period of the 40's and 50's, Mrs. Chet (Ellie) Johnson served as Sunday School Superintendent over 15 years. She was followed by Ivadene Bergquist, Floyd Matson, Allen Anderson, Dr. Howard Fischer, Kathy Krogh, Judy Nygaard, Connie Madsen, Phyllis Espgard, Alesia Nielsen and Leslie Larsen. The 1991 Co-superintendents were: Kori Swanson and Cheryl Williamson.

In the recent history of First Lutheran Church, Sunday School has been comprised of 65 to 90 students, 11 to 20 teachers, on or two superintendents, and two or more music leaders. The parish education committee makes decisions concerning curriculum or major changes.



1959 Sunday School Class: Jean Palmer, Paula Mickelson, Glenn Johnson, Tom Nacey, Chuck Williamson, Barry Peterson, Lowell Rasmussen, John Larsen, Marcia Nielsen and Vicki Bodsberg-Teacher.



1959 Sunday School Class: Mel Madsen, Dennis Amans, Neil Carlson, Candice Peters, Cindy Palmer, Carol Petersen and Ardis Peterson-Teacher.

A few years ago the concept of team teaching of Sunday School classes was developed to accommodate the busy life-styles of the two-career families. Two teachers share the duties of teaching one class, putting less pressure on one person, and providing two different perspectives for the students.

Our time each Sunday starts with a 15 to 20 minute opening, with the three year olds thru second grade meeting together, and third through eighth graders meeting in the sanctuary. During opening worship, the children sing songs, listen to stories, learn finger plays, watch videos and

pray together. After opening, students go to their classrooms for lessons and memorization work. Lesson time has been extended to 45 minutes.

Curriculum for Sunday School at First Lutheran has changed through the years. Most recently, we have used the "Proclaim" series from Augsburg, and the David C. Cook series. Members of the Parish Education Committee, teachers and people from the congregation studied the materials and made suggestions, with Parish Education making the final decision. Teaching materials have been expanded to include games, Christian tapes, and videos.



1991 Youth Sunday Participants: Back row, Amanda Williamson, Katie Nielsen, Hanne Anderson, Steve Osero, Mike Johansen, Jon Larsen, Nicole Newman, Jeremy Williamson. Middle row: Jason Amans, Natalie Behne, Michelle Taxdahl, Rachel Hallman, Gehrig Williamson. Front row: Erik Mortensen and Chad Newman.



1966 Confirmation Class



1991 Confirmation Class



1991 Confirmation Class: Back row: Erik Mortensen, Shane Troff, Hanne Anderson, Chad Newman, Jason Amans, Michelle Johnson, Rachel Hallman. Front row: Heidi Schock, Natalie Behne, Monica Weaver, Pastor Marcia Pyle, Dave Teig, Jenny Dye, Ona Hesyck and Jessica Millermon.

In 1990 and 1991, the Sunday Schoolers held a hike, the theme being "Hiking for Hunger, Haiti and Home". All children collected money to put in their "Class Can" to see which class could collect the most. Members of the congregation were also encouraged to donate and support the classes of their choice. No prizes were given, but the kids enjoyed the competition while learning to help others. We collected \$700 the first year and well over \$1,000 the next. The kids also donated food items to the church food shelves during the hike as well as other times during the year.



Sunday School and office wing of new church.



Children's sermon by Pastor Pyle



Sunday School: Back row: Kim Mortensen, Michelle Johnson, Jason Amans, Chad Newman, Tom Maxon, Jim Osero, Michelle Taxdahl, Brian Christopherson. Row 5: Mitchell Johnson, Jeff Fretwell, Gehrig Williamson, Heather Schock, Jessica Millermon, Ryan Millermon, Lisa Pickard, Paula Johnson. Row 4: Nichole Peters, Stephanie Behne, Lisa Christopherson, Peter Lien, Peter Newman, Shana Kluge, Jenny Schultz, April Amans, Melinda Johnson, Corrine Sorensen, Kip Wold, Brodie Schock, Leah Jagusch, Kelly Madsen, Julie Fretwell. Row 3: Geoff Ekar, Derek Larsen, Bryce Christopherson, Laura Johnson, Heidi Pickard, Brooke Olson, Laura Kluge, Kristin Mortensen, Betsy Gust, Jessica Sorensen, Kim Kunkel, Steven Williamson, Matt Schultz, Tiffany Swager, Katie Mattison. Row 2: Nathan Mattison, Marlana Meyer, Mandy Roy, Nicholas Roy, Jacob Lee, Luke Schultz, Tyler Bauermeister, Donnie Sorensen, Brad Estes, Jami Peters, Max Johnson, Brian Gunderson. Sitting: Carrie Schultz, Christopher Johnson, Kelly Olson, Jordan Wold, Brett Gunderson.

Recently our Sunday School Christmas programs have been beautifully directed musicals, involving all ages, using contemporary music to celebrate the Birth of Christ.

Lent and Easter have been celebrated by encouraging classes to decorate their classroom doors according to the season they wish to portray. Students have produced incredible works of art, enjoyed by the entire congregation. We have also had an Easter Prayer Tree for the kids to display their own prayer concerns.

In 1991, a special Sunday School quilt was placed in the sanctuary. Each class designed and completed a square, celebrating our church's centennial.

We finished the year by holding a Sunday School carnival with games and prizes for everyone, popcorn and lots of fun costumes. On the last Sunday of the school-year, we have held an awards day, recognizing students who have successfully completed memorization work and classes and students with attendance achievements.

As in the past, our goal continues to be to provide quality Christian education through God's word and by our examples.



Recess at Bible School

We wish to thank all members who have been faithful and inspirational Sunday School and Bible School teachers and leaders. A special thanks also to the music department leaders for the opening services for the various departments: primary, intermediate and senior classes; and to Amelia Whitlark who has brought mission stories to the children over countless years. She has also kept bulletin boards of timely religious events for the enjoyment of children and adults.



Sunday School Teachers: Back row: Jane Johnson, Melissa Taxdahl, Co-Supt. Cheryl Williamson, Phil Kluge, Lori Christopherson, Diane Taxdahl. Middle row: Gwen Wold, Trudy Mattison, Karen Krupa, Sue Gust, Diane Amans, Sally Pickard. Front row: Co-Supt. Kori Swanson, Karen Swager, Linda Millermon, LouAnn Schock, Jill Olson.

## Baptisms



1904  
Mable Irene Surell  
Markus O. B. Johnson  
John Emil Wik  
Alfred Warner Tulpan  
Alvin Conrad Stenberg  
Mildred C. Lundquist  
Gladys Adeline Hanson

1905  
Frans Oscar Olund  
Cora May Nelson  
Ernest Herbert Markee

1906  
Ray Alexander Flood  
Palmer C. E. Johnson  
Emmet Eugene Staffanson  
Gilbert Gerton Carlson  
Gustaf Selmer Carlson  
Carl Ernst Tulpan  
Lilly Christine Gustafson  
Agnes Johanna Carlson  
Stella M. B. Hansen

1907  
Pearl Katrina Lundqvist  
Oscar Adolf Fagre  
Carl Elmer Falk  
May E. Ericson  
John Jenkins Burman  
Alma Maria Carlson

1908  
Elsie Marie Svenson  
Hilda Elisabeth Swanson  
Edna Rude  
Louis Clifford Hanson  
LeRay Clarence Carlson  
Edith Marion Krenz  
Marta O. K. Johnson  
Rachel C. N. Johnson  
Minnie Louise Johnson  
Theo Louise Edman  
Ruth Theolina Holsten  
Malvine Theodore Fayre  
Blanche Mabel Peterson

1909  
Helmer C. Carlson  
Ruth Elisabeth Staffenson  
Mabel Sofia Carlson  
William Howard Burman  
Ruben William Carlson  
George Elmer Olund

1910  
Clarence Adolph Smith  
Hjalmer Medfrid Hagberg  
Walfrid Swanson  
Hellen Wilhelmina Swanson  
John Irving Nelson  
Remet Arved Anderson  
Catherine A. M. Johnson  
Carl Carlson  
Helen Amanda Johnson

1911  
Walter T. L. Tengbom  
Lillian Gladys Tuller

Tyra M. E. Gallagher  
Carl Ernst Johnson  
Eleonara Melbar Johnson  
Beatrice Marvill Johnson  
Helen Virginia Garies  
Lillian Eleonara Dalberg  
Dorothy Vivian Allobaugh  
Victor Immanuel Peterson

1912  
Alfred Francis Klingler  
Arthur Bernhard Klingler  
Alice Josephina Carlson  
Anna Laura Johnson  
Edith M. E. Anderson  
Alfred Leslie Nelson  
Violette Linea Johnson  
Lioner Arrington Burshem

1913  
Olga Nora Mickelson  
Ebba Eugenia Staffenson  
Harald L. Fredrickson  
Hellen Katharina Edman  
Lloyd Woodrow Johnson  
Emma Edelia Peterson

1914  
Helen Johanna Peterson  
Carl Henry Carlson  
Carl Owen Danielson  
Rudolph Emanuel Elmer  
Lillian Emelia Palm  
Mauritz Helmer Nelson

1915  
Kenneth E. Fredrickson  
Nettie Theresia Box  
Lucile Theresia Peterson

1916  
Geneva Lillian Lovgren  
Paul Sylvester Kneffen  
Evelyn Henrietta Porter  
Chester Morgin Pederson  
Constantine L. Fredrikson  
Otto Albert Carlson

1917  
Howard Victor Sandin  
Edward Allen Fox  
Magnhild E. Peterson  
Miles Donald Wayne Fox  
Lillie Christina Ahlgren  
Mary Kins  
Olga Irene Peterson  
Irene Fredrikson

1918  
Henry Louis Lovgren  
Ellen Lovisa Spangberg

Myron Clifford Pederson  
Viloret Hulda Linden  
Carl Reinhard Anderson  
Lucile Caroline Johnson  
Marvel Gwenolyn Stenberg  
Arthur Leander Munson  
Harald Edwin Linner  
Gertrude Emelia Pauling

1919  
Clara Mae Peterson  
Evelyn Pearl Johnson  
Barbara J. Christenson

1920  
Mae Doris Lovgren  
Esther Mildred Spangberg  
Geneva Helena Peterson  
Doris Elaine Peterson  
Florence Alline Halvarson  
Wilma Marie Olson

1921  
Elmer William Anderson  
Lester Aldon Sjobeck  
Ruth Lois Peterson  
Harold Earl Porter  
Lawrence Carl Lovgren  
Corine Jane Sandin

1922  
Norma Olian Carlson  
Myrtle Hilma Wedell  
Margareta F. L. Franzen  
Gloria E. Christensen  
Melvin Richard Carlson  
Laurel Luverne Thornton  
Iona Elenore Wilson  
Donald Henry Peterson  
Elva Lucille Lovgren  
Norman Joseph Johnson  
Walter William Olson

1923  
Ethel Arline Peterson  
Erwin Herman Peterson  
Leon Frank Freer  
Harvey Clifford Erickson  
Jack Oren Wyman  
Bertha Lorain Anderson  
Irene Doris Gustafson

1924  
Beryl Jerdee McLaughlin

1925  
Katherine E. Lovgren  
Lloyd Emil Magnuson  
Vincent LeRoy Magnuson  
Warren Elmer Magnuson  
Robert Benjamin Andreen  
John Klink  
Shirley Jean Shelberg  
Marvin Joseph Josephson  
Carolyn Esther Ringstrom

1927  
Edith Olga Peterson

Dorothy Mae Josephson  
Doris Marie Josephson  
Arthur Earl Sjobeck  
Clifford Benjamin Lovgren  
Ellis Glenn Lovgren

1928  
Evelyn Anderson  
Phillip Lindbergh Johnson  
Betty Jane Olson

1929  
Doris Frank  
Herman Julius Thompson  
Aleda Odena Thompson  
Sybil Marie Thompson  
Ardelle Joseph Hazelquist  
James David Josephson

1930  
Beverly Jeanne Hedlund  
Gwendolyn Ingrid Lee  
Joseph Laurence Johnson  
Delores Anderson  
Ruby Alvina Carlson  
Stanley Tally Roquette  
Barbara Ann Burman

1931  
Donald S. Johnson  
Shirley Mary Lou Carlson  
Elmer Silas Hillbery  
Marian Evelyn Morrison  
Alice Mabel Olson  
John Olson, Jr.  
Willard Delmar Olson  
Arly Goodwin Olson  
Mabel Geneva Peterson  
Genevieve Marian Olson  
Ruby Joyce Carlson

1932  
Joyce Ellen Olson  
Donna Yvonne Peterson

1933  
Marilyn Ann Stearns  
Gerald Gene Carlson  
Charlotte Ilean Waterman  
May Joyce McKinney  
Clarice Eleanor Skatt  
Wesley Ludke  
Beverly Ludke  
Wilbur Ludke  
Mrs. Harry Ludke

1934  
Robert Melburn Larson  
Wayne Douglas Peterson  
Allen Philip Benjamin  
Dennis Irving Hall  
Willard Emmett Hall

1935  
Marilyn Marie Johnson  
David Leigh Johnson  
Wayne Herbert Olson  
Lawrence Louis Gustafson

1936  
Ruth Petra Almon  
Maryanne Sjrquist  
Verna Marie Strandberg  
Richard Lauren Larson  
Irene Betsy Olson  
Roger Dale Johnson

1937  
LaDana Helen Peterson  
Marlys Amina Lundbeck  
Jan Byron Luke  
Rochelle Maria Burger  
Charlotte Mae Stenberg

1938  
Patricia Jeanne Burman  
Bruce Richard Johnson  
Ted Lowell Vadman

1939  
Joyce Allen Seekins

1941  
Mary Katherine Lien  
Charlotte Marie Olson

1942  
Betty Jane McMullen  
Carol Mae Vadman  
Joan Nathalie Carlson  
Mary Ann Luke  
Jay Keith Luke  
Palmer Jerome Sondreal  
David James Sorenson  
Jay Lewis Sorenson  
Mildred Lorraine Peterson  
Elaine Lucille Peterson  
Frances Lillian Peterson  
LaVerna Archie Peterson  
Betty Jane Peterson

1943  
Donna Jean Nordquist  
Joan Mardell Nordquist  
Sandra Karlene Ness  
Wayne LeRoy Peterson  
Roberta Lee Burman  
Michael David Anderson  
Mary Ann McMullen  
Philip Marvin Carlson

1944  
Mary Jean Burke  
Phyllis Annette Siltberg  
Dianne Marie Hall  
Gary Lorne Kahl  
Loren Luther Burke  
Ruth E. Olson  
Linda Rae Anderson

1945  
Bruce Clement Burger  
Nancy Louise Vadman  
Roger William Anderson  
Steven Robert Sondreal  
Daniel Lewis Lien  
Janet Kay Dzubay  
Daniel Dennis Hall  
James Stuart Haney  
Bernam Franklin DeLong  
Bruce Lewis Delong

Stuart Wells Stearns  
Wayne Theodore Burger

1946  
David Michael Boettcher  
Ronald Richard Bohmbach  
Dennis Lee Johnson  
Mildred E. Johnson  
Gary Herbert Schock  
Genevieve Lillian Sjobeck  
Kent LeRoy Anderson

1947  
Vernon Walter Andren  
Eugene Ernest Andren  
Jerry Lee Eklund  
Ellen Marie Ekeroth  
Curtis Edward Johnson  
Berle Albert DeLong  
Marion Louise Keisler  
Michael Frank Martens  
Susan Lorraine Olson  
Gary Lynn Anderson  
Steven Jerome Nielsen  
Loren James Nordahl  
Sally Onilea Sondreal  
Lyle Leslie Luke  
Becky Marie Luke  
John Andrew Martens

1948  
Nancy Joan Burman  
Christine Nieda Pearson  
Curtis Alan Heiserman  
Gary Michael Gillespie  
Anna Marie Ramsey  
Ronald Dean Norris  
Judith Kay Puckett  
Marleen Elaine Carlson  
Edith Lorraine Carlson  
Gary Wynn Johnson  
Gary Lee Fredrickson  
Rodney Ray Eklund

1949  
Bruce Allen Olson  
Susan Lynn Sjobeck  
Shirley Ann Johnson  
Ronald Gene Schock

1959  
Carla Rae Martell  
Connie Marie Peterson  
Barry Lynn Peterson  
Nila Rae Peterson  
Patricia Ann Luke  
Jerome Dean Luke  
Loretta J. Carlson  
Jimmy Dale Armstrong  
Joseph Meriland Berry  
Mary Ellen Johannsen  
Jean Marie Hover  
Michael Duane Booth  
Sherri Anne Morrison  
Sally Marie Kittel  
Cheryl Jean Johnson  
Barbara Felice Bieniasz

1960  
Minnie Blanche Hughes  
Michael James Utgard  
Jon Charles Carlson

Betty Jane Toftness  
Neil Burdette Carlson

1950  
Thomas Rickford Johnson  
David Ray Toftness  
Mary Louise Magnuson  
Lorie Marie Olson  
Andrea Lee Steelman  
Cynthia Jane Palmer

1951  
Douglas Lloyd Johnson  
Sharon Lynn Winchell  
Gary Allen Hover  
Jayne Florence Hover  
Donald Edwin Hover  
Peggy Lorraine Huset  
Wayne Allan Cooper  
Diane Mae Cooper  
Bradley Harold Cooper  
Robert John Cooper  
Steven Edward Johnson  
Jane Patricia Sondreal  
Allan Guy Schock  
Lou Alan Williamson  
David G. Morrison, Jr.  
Frederick Edward Whitlark  
Karen Elizabeth Larsen  
Paul Richard Wisner  
Bradly Stewart Johnson  
Scott Earl Tiroux  
Alan Alex Amans  
Jerry Lee Thompson  
Alan Douglas Carlson  
Keith Walter Cotch

1952  
Carl Edward Bellman  
Dale Gene Palmberg  
Judith Ann Jerdee  
Mary Eunice Carlson  
Mary Ellen Toftness  
Linda Sue Paulson  
Ruth Marie Hagen  
Dianne Elaine Anderson

1953  
Patricia Ann Hansen  
Lillian Sophia Carney  
Nancy Jean Bohmbach  
Jon Scott Morrison  
Mark Alan Larsen  
Martha Ann Magnuson  
David George Morse  
Bruce Arlyn Bottolfson  
Phyllis Elaine Andren  
Barbara Jean Andren  
Loren Rodney Carlson  
Joanne Lillian Sjobeck  
Charles W. Williamson  
Mary Jo Lee  
Valerie Anne Whitlark  
Kathryn Edna Sondreal

1954  
Jean Marie Palmer  
Debra Lynn Morrison  
John Steven Odegard  
Christine Ellen Larsen  
Joyce Ann Lewis

Lowell Melchior Rasmussen  
Rebecca Jo Brittain  
Richard James Viken  
Bradley Allen Johnson  
Donald Lyle Christensen  
Donald W. Booth  
Duane Donald Booth  
Roger Dean Booth  
John Robert Larsen  
Robert Lee Running

1955  
Janice Elizabeth Johnson  
Gwen Candace Johnson  
Vern Allen Penard  
Gerianne Mae Newville  
Joyce Mary Larson  
Gail Christine Carlson  
Peggy Ann Morrison  
Linda Sue Essen  
Margo Annette Winchell  
Margie Eileen Carlson  
Arlo Marie Darvial

1956  
Robert Emerson Lee, Jr.  
Lee Ann Carol Cree  
Duane LeRoy Anderson  
Thomas Frederick Viken  
Mary Jo Anderson  
Susan Jean Jerdee  
Douglas Carl Essen  
Loretta Hurst

1957  
Dona Marie Christensen  
Janice Irene Strenke  
Janell Jane Utgard  
Karen Denise Anderson  
Paul David Bieniasz  
Edgar Paul Johnson  
William Hans Larson  
Claire Jean Lee  
Terri Joan Swenson  
Ricky Roy Randall  
Janet Marie Randall  
Joyce Mary Randall  
Lennart Gustav Johnson  
Scott Steven Carlson  
Jule Ann Toftness  
David Jay Amans  
Darlene Kay Amundson  
Julie Claire Spare

1958  
Jodie Lou Morrison  
Jean Marie Carlson  
Myrtle Marschall  
Sarah Jane Paulson  
Steven John Essen  
Julie Ann Viken  
Mary Margaret Lund  
Steven Anthony Bieniasz  
Jill Arlene Johnson  
Deborah Dorothy Ekstrom  
Duane Orrin Arneson  
Mary Jo Louise Anderson  
Jon Martin Williamson  
Diana Lynn Booth  
Beth Marie Johnson  
Yvonne Therese Arneson

Paula Jayne Essen  
Jane Louise Toftness

1961  
Matthew David Viken  
Laura E. Cook  
Lee Bernard Cook  
Kimberly Kay Cook  
Lynn Marie Haselhorst  
Teresa Ann Eckert  
Christopher L. Wolle  
Bonnie Joy Carlson  
ChristinE Lois Hansen  
Brenda Lee Aasmundrud  
Renae Ellen Nielsen  
Sandra Gayle Anderson

1962  
Oralei Ann Swenson  
Leonard P. Montgomery  
Neil Allen Isakson  
Diane Marie Williamson  
Linda Jo Utgard  
Peter Allen Johnson  
Jacqueline Kay Dunham  
Julie Ann Sutich  
Michael John Sutich  
Jeanne Marie Sutich  
Mark Edward Sutich  
Kimberlee Ruth Hughes  
Gwen Ellen Arneson

1963  
Susan Grace Baez  
Randolph Wayne Kunze  
Charles Edwin Kunze  
Ronald Duane Kunze  
Pamela Jane Hillestad  
Richard Lee Lambert  
Isaac Ray Vick  
Michele Marie Vick  
Jerry Gilbert Vick  
Barbara Jean Johnson  
Peter Duane Kittel  
Lori Shelley Larson  
Jon Eric Gjerde  
Julie Ann Aasmundrud  
Cynthia Lynn VanDeList  
Scott Roy Knudsen  
Robin Roberta Ward  
Russell Lambert Rehm  
Dana Duane Wolle  
Teresa Ida Ekstrom

1964  
Craig Evan Johnson  
Tracy Lea Jacobson  
Lisa Michelle Mayala  
Michael Clarence Baez  
Daniel Michael Berry  
Beverly Kay Nordin  
James Allan Runkle

1965  
Michael Owen Wilder  
Kurt Charles Urdahl  
Rhonda Lea Lambert  
Daniel Lee Wade  
Recia Aileen Young  
Anita Marie Mayala  
Mrs. Inez Peterson

Mrs. Evelyn Patterson  
Randy Lee Wade

1966  
Kris David Kundsén  
Sabrina Marie Thur  
Erin Elizabeth Gjerde  
Steen Elliott Erickson  
Joseph Yira  
Martin John Loberg  
Colleen Marie Byrne  
Diana Kay Hanlon  
Paul Nathan Johnson  
David Jeffrey Hillestad  
Kristin Kay Johnson  
Sheila La Mae Graff  
Cathy Lavonne Booth  
Susan Kay Kittel  
James Michael Sorenson  
Jayne Marie Carlson  
Thomas Paul Carlson  
Bradley Paul Burke  
Lori Lynn Booth  
Clay Eugene Rasmussen  
Gene Barron

1967  
Merlin Dunham  
Matthew Paul Johnson  
Douglas Paul Petit  
Reid Gregory Meyer  
Brady Jon Utgard  
Craig Alan Holbrook  
George Oscar Lahti  
Cathleen Elaine Lahti  
Julie Ann Lahti  
James Daniel Lahti  
Steven George Hoff  
Maryann Halle Olson  
Lorna Kay Theiss  
Shelley Ann Sweeney  
Wendy Sue Fowler  
Juliann Mary Dierke  
Michelle Suzanne Clark  
Gregory Thomas Resler  
Thomas Ronald Aasmundrud  
Joseph Nathaniel Yira  
Dale Duane Damon

1968  
Debra Sue Fitch  
John Matthew Underwood  
Donald Ray Lennartson  
Michael John Loberg  
Angela Dianne Swanson  
Melissa May Christian  
Thomas Wayne Lindberg  
Kari Lynn Bale  
Wyatt James Brown  
Mrs. Robert Matson  
Thomas Howard Madsen  
Shirley Madsen  
Kari Lynn Clark

1969  
Sandra Lea Johnson  
Sarah Maureen Johnson  
Scott Michael Greissen  
Ronald Eric Nykanen  
Sarah Elizabeth Johnson  
Kimberly Marie Knudsen

Derek Larson  
Kevin Smith  
Marc Loberg

1970  
David Solomon Osero  
Renae Kelley Lundberg  
Lisa Ann Misencik  
Jennifer Lee Burke  
Peter Fredrick Lindberg  
Michael Childs  
James Allan Theiss  
Julie Katherine Rieks  
Diane Lyn Anderson  
Raquel Annette Clark  
Michael David Sweeney  
Phillip Anson, Jr.  
Jeffrey David Buss  
Kevin Dane Trandum  
Carmen Sue Trandum  
Donald Stanley Trandum  
Tracey Leann Lones  
Amy Lynn Christian

1971  
John Aaron Yira  
Eric Roland Nykanen  
Kristine Lynn Childs  
Scott Michael Dunham  
Jody Lynn Armstrong  
Travis Allen Torgerson  
Brent Alan Klifstad  
Bruce Ryan Klifstad  
Kathleen Marie Pearson  
Joey Christopher Waalen  
Lisa Kolleen Clark  
Richard Andrew Feste

1972  
Julayne Faye Lindberg  
Chad Eugene Thompson  
Jeffrey John Byron  
Terry Lee Taylor  
Andrew Michael Larsen  
Susan Kaye Bale  
Matthew Bruce Nicholas  
Nathan Carl Nygaard  
Mathew Merlin Dunham  
James & Bruce Gilbertson  
Mara LaFollette Olson  
Kristine Marie Petit  
Jeffrey Barry Nielsen  
Roger Dale Anderson  
Bruce Lane Darvial

1973  
Jill Nicole Rieks  
Jessica Lee Yoder  
Bradley Lee Bearheart  
Michelle Lee Gunderson  
Tara Jean Plomski  
Scott Stephen Hagen  
Shayne Jean Gust  
Jason Derrick Krueger  
Jill Suzette Jerdee  
Joshua Ryan Nicholas  
Jason Hilding Hover

1974  
Michelle Ann Bale  
Chad Craig Fansler  
Thomas Jefferson Gust

Brian Keith Breault  
Carrie Jane Franta  
Benjamin Isaac Moore  
Jonathan Ray Larsen  
Katie Lavone Nielsen  
Peter Owen Johansen  
Benjamin Edward Ganje  
Stephanie Ann Gisslen  
Lloyd Gale Carr  
Marvin William Noha

1975  
Eric Dale Hagen  
Melissa Lynn Gullickson  
Lisa Michele Mosay  
Linnea Mosay  
Phillum Anson, Jr.  
Stewart Norman Kawkins  
Charity Lynn Schnell

1976  
Vonda Lunn Anthony  
Amy Margaret Plomski  
Heather Anne Isakson  
Steven Andrew Osero  
Renee Lea Anderson  
Melissa Lynn Breault  
Michelle Kay Breault  
Jeremy Andrew Williamson  
Adam Shane Dunham  
Chad Cameron Newman  
Lori Kay Christopherson  
Jessica Carole Millermon  
David Lawrence Weaver  
Robert Allen Weaver  
Christopher Eric LeClair

1977  
Jeremy Gene Ellingsworth  
Heidi Sue Schock  
Jason Alan Amans  
Natalie Kathleen Behne  
Monica Regina Weaver  
Scott Wayne Anthony  
Amy Lynn Gullickson  
Joshua Luke Penman  
Michelle Marie Johnson  
Sean William Mack  
Jill Ann Randklev  
Shane Jeremy Troff  
Lori Jo Sherrard

1978  
Heather Marie Larson  
Dawn Annette Darvial  
Matthew Elvin Dorshorst  
Kyle Steven Wold  
Todd Richard Plomski  
Michael William Johansen  
Ryan Keith Millermon  
Daniel John Breault  
Carl Burton Bottolfson  
Erick Kurtis Ott  
Erin Jessica Dillon  
Amanda Kay Williamson  
Kristina Marie Behne  
Brian Paul Christopherson  
Eric James Swanson  
Meghann Kay Paulsen  
James Osten Osero  
Cassandra Lea Spore

Lindsey Ann Lindquist  
Gehrig Robert Williamson

1979  
Shana Lynn Kluge  
Heather Renee Schock  
Laura Jean Proffitt  
Heidi Renae Gullickson  
Rory Wendell Troff  
Anthony Gordon Williams  
John Scott Grayden  
Leann Dorum Sherrard  
Jill Ann Ellingsworth  
Peter Lewis Frank Lien  
Kari Marie Talerico  
Marisa Ann LeClair  
Peter Andrew Newman  
Amanda Lois Hover

1980  
Brenda Jean Burke  
Autumn Marie Livingston  
Adam Lee Gullickson  
Cody Repaal Fansler  
Melinda Lynn Johnson  
April Diane Amans  
Corrine Suzanne Sorensen  
Kelly Rochelle Madsen  
Jennifer Jean Ahlm  
Julie Christine Fretwell  
Kip Douglas Wold

1981  
Brodie Allan Schock  
Lisa Marie Pickard  
Bryce Alan Christopherson  
Beau Carol Swanson  
Tae Young Cha Sondreal  
Erik John Gullickson  
Christian Eric Lindquist  
Betsy Jean Gust  
Katie Aileen Nacey  
Holly Joy Fischer  
Heather Marie Hecht

Cameron Bruce Bottolfson  
Laura Anne Kluge

1982  
Brooke Lauralee Olson  
Desi James Armstrong  
Alan Joseph Belisle, Jr.  
Michelle Lillian Harshman  
Gary Melvin Tendrup  
Robert Wade Harville  
Jennifer Ann Harville  
Ryan Scott Peters

1983  
Jennifer Marie Randklev  
Derek James Larsen  
Traci Terina Spanel  
Gregory Gene Gunderson  
Steven S. Williamson  
Rory Douglas Madsen  
Ana Christina Meyer  
Benjamin W. Engstrand  
Kim Renee Nelson  
Chad Michael Swanson  
Don Terry Stewart  
Jessica Lynn Sorensen  
Jeffrey A. Fretwell  
Brian Wayne Williams  
Tiffany Jo Lien  
Heidi Lynn Pickard

1984  
Serena Marie Effertz  
John Frederick Eggerman  
Laura Elaine Johnson  
James Aaron Hecht  
Lisa Joy Christopherson  
Collin Reed Bottolfson  
Nicole Kay Peters  
Michelle Wilkins  
Rochele J. Armstrong  
Brent Craig Peters  
Mitchell Rudolph Johnson  
Mary Nicole Stewart

Stephanie Dyane Behne

1985  
Christina Lynn Engstrand  
Christopher M. Tachney  
Jodi Lee Tachneuy  
Misty Lee Bauman  
Bobby Sue Fouks  
Derek Lee Paulson  
Annie Elizabeth Belisle  
Jacob Robert Lee  
Cassandra Ann Bethell  
Chad Michael Utgaard  
Troy Michael Stewart  
Donald Ray Sorensen, Jr.  
Anders Christina Schulte  
Marlena Rae Meyer  
Megan Sue Gust  
Rachael Kroog Elbing

1986  
Jami Lee Peters  
Jack Palmer Sondreal  
Carrie Patricia Schultz  
Stacy Jane Paulson  
Jordan Thomas Wold  
Brett Daniel Zinsmaster  
Kelly Jo Olson  
Maxwell Nels Johnson

1987  
Bradley Dean Estes  
Ryan Daniel Volrath  
Emilie Gail Eggermon  
Christopher Craig Johnson  
Allyson Ruth Ann Kaehler  
Geoffrey Grimm  
Brian Douglas Zinsmaster

1988  
Matthew Philip Kobernick  
Luke G. Schradle  
Inga Carol Schulte  
Sarah Elizabeth Elbing

Michelle Sorensen  
Alexandra Ann Johannsen

1989  
Sarah Marie Volrath  
Travis Raymond Mork  
Paul Edward Krupa  
Casey Jean Kunkel  
Kristyn Melissa Lee  
Darren Robert Olson

1990  
DeLona Marie Larsen  
Alyssa Danielle Heil  
Douglas Johnson  
Timothy Allen Leslie  
Jeffrey Allen Dye  
Brittany Nicole Haugen  
Michael Allan Maxon  
Ashley Nicole Maxon

1991  
Lucas Jacob Lee  
Bailey Nadine Becherer  
Amanda Kate Johannsen  
Reed Mitchell Chelberg  
Ruth Frances Krupa  
Claire Elizabeth Quilling  
Margaret Rose Goldberg  
Mara Colleen Pearson  
Christian Steven Pearson  
Kathryn Sang Ah Krey  
Jeremiah Lee Brodie  
David Allen Tilton  
Ryan Lynn Klink  
Jennifer Lynn Dye  
Tamera Marie Dye  
Tyler John Heil  
Shayna Mae Wyasket  
Spencer Elliot Erickson  
Jodi Lou Ann Karnick

1905  
Sven Anton Sjoblom  
Amandus Peterson  
Joel Henry Ambrosius Olson  
Carl Edward Benson  
Johan Edward Linner  
Anna Gunborg Nelson  
Hulda Charlotta Lackrison  
Clara Henrietta Olson  
Elsa Charlotta Peterson  
Myrtel Viola Olson  
Harry Werner Peterson

1908  
Nels Bernard Nelson  
August Wilhelm Olson  
George B. Franklin Ericson  
Gustaf A. Walter Peterson  
Herbert Sigfrid Peterson  
Albert Hjalmer Theodor Thorun  
Severina Albida Peterson  
Hildur Elisabeth Lovgren  
Eva Serafin Lovgren  
Carl Erick Bernhard Flood

1910  
Paul Joel August Gustafson  
Gottfrid Emil E. Peterson  
Rudolph Burman  
Frank Richard Lambert  
Ellen Augusta Victoria Olson  
Agnes Theresa Peterson  
Eda Wilhelmina Lambert

1912  
Carl Edwin Peterson  
Nels Palmer Olson  
Albert Vitalius Peterson  
G. Arvid Nelson  
Roy Alexander Flod  
Egnar G. Lambert  
J. Arthur Peterson  
Carl Lofgren  
Ruth Elsie Sofia Lovgren  
Ruth Maghild K. Andren  
Esther Swanson  
Ruth Swanson

1914  
Arvid O. Swanson  
Elmer Peterson  
Emil M. Peterson  
Gustaf R. Peterson  
G. Wilhelmina Peterson  
Maria C. Lambert  
Edith W. Johnson

1916  
Olav Ephraim Andren  
Edward W. Peterson  
R. Winfield Clemmens  
A. Katharina Staffenson  
Esther M. Peterson  
Helen V. Carlson

1918  
Theodore Herman Swanson  
Helen Debora Swanson

## Confirmations



Esther Aurora Andren  
Helen Irene Staffenson  
Lillie A. Lovgren  
Ethel Emelia Lambert  
Alvina Mathia Johnson  
Lawrence W. Peterson  
Louis E. Carlson  
G. LeRoy Malmberg

1919  
Alvin Conrad Stenberg  
Ethel Clemens  
Elva J. Emerson

1921  
John Jenkins Burman  
William H. Burman  
Alton R. Anderson  
Gilbert G. Carlson  
LeRoy C. Carlson  
Emmet E. Staffenson  
Gustaf S. Carlson  
Alma M. Carlson  
Agnes J. Carlson  
Elsie M. Swanson  
Mrs. Esther Lovgren  
Mrs. Alma M. Halvorson

1923  
Ruth E. Staffenson  
Ruben W. Carlson  
Helmer C. Carlson  
Mabel S. Carlson  
Minnie L. Johnson  
Evelyn B. Malmberg  
Pearl C. Lundquist  
Raymond O. Anderson  
Eda O. Vadman  
Edwin W. Larson  
Esther C. Johnson  
Thelma J. Johnson

1924  
Magdalena E. Andren  
Theo L. Edman

1925  
Carl Ernest Johnson  
Carl Carlson  
Erling C. Carlson  
Alice J. Carlson  
Helen A. Johnson  
Violet L. Johnson  
Idella M. Nelson  
Oivia G. Hazelquist

1928  
Carl Henry Carlson  
Gustaf Edward Johnson

Carl Theodore Vadman

1929  
Arvid Hedlund  
Helen J. Peterson  
Ruth E. Bergren  
Thelma E. Melford  
Lucille T. Peterson  
Aleda O. Thompson  
Vivian A. Solum

1931  
O. Albert Carlson  
Arthur W. Linner  
Harold E. Linner  
Marie E. Hedlund  
M. Wendell Melford  
G. June King  
Jay C. King  
Manghild E. Peterson

1933  
Mary Joanna Layng  
Luella Mae Layng

1934  
Mary Davis Lovgren  
Dennis Irving Hall  
Violet Evelyn Bergren  
Ruth Theodora Gomsrud  
Della Rose Layng  
Eleanor Bernice Palmer  
Evelyn Ann Yates  
Joseph Halvorson  
Clifford Floyd Waterman  
Clara Mae Peterson  
Gladys Wilson  
Clifton Hillbery  
Helen Hanson

1936  
Lester Sjobeck  
Lawrence Lovgren  
Lawrence Hedlund  
Ruth Peterson  
Willard Hall  
Edward Carlson  
Melvin Carlson  
Robert Gomsrud  
Elmer Anderson

1938  
Joyce Helen Peterson  
Arlene Ethel Peterson  
Ellen Victoria Magnuson

1941  
Beatrice Marie Layng  
Julie Ann Hillbery  
Robert Elmer Froshaug

1942  
Arthur Earl Sjobeck

1943  
Ardell Joseph Hazelquist  
Beverly Jeanne Hedlund  
Phyllis Jean Peterson

Charlotte Ann Preble  
Elaine Lucille Petersen  
Frances Lillian Petersen  
Mildred Lorraine Petersen  
Marie Jeanette Stenberg

1945  
Wayne Samuel Ausen  
LaVerne John Burke  
Duane Manley Ellertson  
Betty Jean Higgins  
Genevieve Marion Olson  
Wayne LeRoy Peterson  
Donna Yvonne Peterson  
Lorraine Isabelle Rehm  
Marilyn Ann Stearns

1947  
Betty Joan Burke  
Gerald Gene Carlson  
Bernam Franklin DeLong  
June Marilyn Pearson  
Marilyn Joan Van Hyfte

1948  
William L. Bale  
Marilyn Marie Carlson  
Ilamae Jean Luke  
Oscar Frederick Lundbeck  
Betty Jane Petersen  
LaVerne Archie Petersen

1949  
David L. Johnson  
Wayne H. Olson  
Charlotte M. Stenberg

1950  
Marlys A. Lundbeck  
Irene B. Olson  
Verna M. Rehm  
Jan B. Luke

1952  
Richard Nelson Bale  
Bruce Richard Johnson  
Jay Keith Luke  
LeRoy Gene Nagel  
Robert Dale Nelson  
Marlyn LaVone Pearson  
Ralph Max Van Hyfte

1953  
Vicki Ann Danielson  
Mary Ann Luke  
John Arlen Madsen

1954  
Jacquelyn Ann Bergquist  
Ronald Lee Aasmundrud  
Lawrence Willard Chelberg, Jr.  
Sharon Lynne Haney  
Vivian Marcella Johnson  
Kay Margaret Larsen  
Donald Booth  
Pauline Booth



A view, from the east, of the original church.



Donald Lyle Christensen

1955

Duane Donald Booth  
Vincent Orville Chelstrom  
Michael Ray Larsen  
Mary Kathryn Lien  
Thomas Wallace Luke  
Kenneth Allan Madsen  
Robert Wayne Marck  
Rodney Darold Nelson  
Larry Gene Danielson  
Lenore Essen  
Dorothy Eckert  
Esther Olson  
Eva Torgerson  
Florence Winchell  
Jon Ronald Bergquist  
Jacqueline Lee Bodsberg  
Joan Nathalie Carlson  
Sharon Lee Danielson  
Arlo Marie Darvial  
Barbara Ann Dzubay  
Gary Allen Hover  
Louise Ann Johnson  
Charlotte Marie Olson  
Phyllis Claire Seburg  
Palmer Jerome Sondreal

1958

Vernon Walter Andren  
Roger Dean Booth  
Dathleen Diane Bottolfson  
Susan Mary Burman  
Gary Lorne Kahl  
Kenneth Lloyd Hanson  
David Allen Jerdee  
Diane Marie Madison  
Ruth Elmera Olson  
Lorna Kay Ward

1959

Victoria Lynn Bodsberg  
Janet Kay Dzubay  
James Stuart Haney  
Bruce David Johnson  
Lennart Gustav Johnson  
Marlene Verna Johnson  
Daniel Lewis Lien  
Patricia Ann Luke  
Leonard Arlis Madsen  
Roger John Peterson  
Steven Robert Sondreal

1960

Marianne Mildred Lemme  
Jerome Dean Luke  
Gary Herbert Schock  
James Francis Ward  
Vi Ann Virginia Ericson  
Dennis Lee Johnson  
Eugene Ernest Andren

1961

Darnell Kay Amans  
Ralph Lewis Andren  
Jean Barbara Bottolfson  
Jerry Lee Eklund  
Roger Dale Hegg  
Jayne Florence Hover  
Collin Bruce Johnson

Mary Deloris Johnson  
Becky Marie Luke  
Sally Onilea Sondreal  
Allen Torgerson  
Larry James Wilson  
Mary Kathryn Winchell  
Marjorie Jane Hanson

1962

William Christian Hegg  
Gary Winn Johnson  
Paula Jo Larsen  
Bruce Robert Ward  
Patty Ann Wold

1964

Donald La Verne Albertson  
Beverly Ann Bottolfson  
Mona Gail Jacobson  
Mark Thore Johnson  
Patricia Louise Maas  
Stephen Ludwig Polzin  
William Hamlin Rasmussen  
Alfred John Peter Reynolds  
Ronald Gene Schock  
Susan Lynn Sjobeck  
Margaret Violet Whitlark

1965

Dennis La Verne Amans  
Neil Burdette Carlson  
Gary Lee Essen  
Keith Lester Gullickson  
Melvin Arne Madsen  
Deborah Ruth Mills  
Cynthia Jane Palmer  
Michael John Pearson  
Carol Jean Peterson  
Nancy Lee Sempel  
David Roy Toftness  
Patricia Ann Pearson

1966

Donald Edwin Hover  
Fred Edward Whitlark  
James Theodore Walter  
Gail Katherine Mickelson  
Alan Alex Amans  
Don Peter Hegg  
Nila Rae Peterson  
Wendy Kay Wosepka  
Carol Lee Olson  
Karen Ann Odegard  
Terry Lynn Christopherson  
Linda Kay Hillestad  
Darlene Susan Lewis  
Jane Patricia Sondreal  
Karen Elizabeth Larsen  
Allan Guy Schock  
Janet Kay Lemme  
Sharon Lynn Winchell  
Douglas Lloyd Johnson  
Barry Elmer Nielsen  
Steven Edward Johnson  
Alan Douglas Carlson

1967

Lou Alan Williamson  
Scott Stoddard  
Karen Johnson  
Judy Jerdee

Randy Pearson  
Melanie Johnson  
1968  
Bruce Bottolfson  
Kerry Gullickson  
John Lemme  
Paul Johnson  
Mark Larsen  
Debbie Jacobson  
Katie Sondreal  
Joanne Sjobeck

1969

John Larsen  
John Matson  
Chuck Williamson  
Steve Essen  
Mark Hegg  
Tom Nacey  
Joyce Larson  
Chris Larsen  
Valerie Whitlark  
Sandra Christopherson  
Kathy Bieniasz  
Jean Palmer  
Marcia Nielsen  
Mary Jo Lee  
Paula Mickelson

1970

Margo Winchell  
Janice Johnson  
Gail Carlson  
Gwen Johnson  
Phillip Johnson  
Gregg Carlson  
Vicki Pearson  
Dennis Armstrong

1971

Susan Jerdee  
Robert E. Lee, Jr.  
Tim Nacey  
Steve Pearson  
Ruth Ann Rehm

1972

David Amans  
Vicki Arneson  
Paul Bieniasz  
Jeffrey Byron  
Scott Carlson  
Peter Erickson  
Mark Gilbertson  
Julie Hegg  
Curtis Isakson  
Sheila Karpenske  
William Larson  
Claire Lee  
Christen Stoddard  
Terry Taylor  
Janell Utgard  
Michael Duane Booth  
Diana Lynn Booth

1973

Duane Arneson  
Steven Bieniasz  
Jean Carlson  
Jeffrey Clausen  
Judy Davis

Robert Fischer  
Jill Johnson  
Daryl Lemme  
Scott Peters  
Tracy Schwock

1974

Jean Hover  
Sally Kittel  
Julie Nacey  
Kori McKinney  
Kevin Schwock  
Jon Williamson

1975

Barbara Bieniasz  
Sandra Hoff  
Kevin Isakson  
Cheryl Johnson  
Lori Larson  
Craig Peters

1976

Yvonne Terese Arneson  
Bonnie Joy Carlson  
Teresa Ann Eckert  
Thomas Brent Gjerde  
Jay Roland Hoyer  
Neil Allen Isakson  
Beth Marie Johnson  
Kristi Jo McKinney  
James Bryce Morden  
Rena E. Ellen Nielsen  
Michael James Utgard

1977

Jodine Marie Buss  
Sherrol Ann Hoff  
Peter Allen Johnson  
Robin Jay Meyer  
Linda Jo Utgard  
Diane Marie Williamson  
Teresa Marie Wright  
Rory Alan Young

1978

Gwen Arneson  
Steve Dierke  
Ken Forrest  
Jon Gjerde  
Barb Johnson  
Peter Kittel  
Lori Lien  
Julie Madsen  
Kelli McKinney  
Laurie Nelson  
Jodi Peters  
Alan Quandt  
Brad Swanson  
Lynn Tilton  
Kevin Trandum  
Robin Ward  
Jim Weaver

1979

Jennifer Buss  
Gregg Dierke  
Mark Erickson  
Sonya Gunderson  
Paul Gustafson  
Jill Harris

Scott Hoff  
Tracy Jacobson  
Craig Johnson  
Robin Lundberg  
Randall Meyer  
Russell Rehm  
Cory Smith  
Greg Tilton  
Carmen Trandum  
Karen Wright

1980

Paul Shanklin  
Karmen Krogh  
Penny Lien  
Jeff Maxon  
Brenda Tilton  
David Weaver  
Chan Yetter

1981

Karla Espegard  
Erin Gjerde  
Sharilyn Gunderson  
Susan Hoff  
Paul Johnson  
Joan Kibler  
Susan Kittel  
Jean Omernik  
Pamela Swanson  
Robert Weaver

1982

Bradley Burke  
Juliann Dierke  
Terry Forrest  
Jim Gullickson  
Kris Harris  
Steven Hoff  
Michelle Hover  
Matthew Johnson  
Karen Kibler  
Roxanne Lundberg  
Terri McIntosh

Reid Meyer  
Kirk Noha  
Lynelle Smith  
Brady Utgaard  
Cheryl Wright

1983

Kari Bale  
Mark Bock  
Missy Christian  
Daniel Gullickson  
Karon Krogh  
Dawn Lien  
Thomas Lindberg  
Tricia Noha  
Kyle Yetter  
Joseph Yira

1984

Rachel Burkel  
Kari Clark  
Peter Clausen  
Chad Espegard  
Sandra Johnson  
Sarah E. Johnson  
Sarah M. Johnson  
Connie Krogh  
Matthew Nygaard  
Kevin Smith  
Angela Swanson  
Michelle Timm  
Donald Trandum

1985

Pamela Dixon  
Robert Harville  
Rhonda Kibler  
Melissa Larsen  
Peter Lindberg  
Rena E. Lundberg  
Greg Mahr  
Benjamin Nygaard  
David Osero

Jennifer Burke  
Sally Chelberg

1986

Jody Armstrong  
Jeff Buss  
Amy Christian  
Stephen Clausen  
Brian (Ed) Gullickson  
Brian (Keith) Gullickson  
Lori Hagen  
Carrie Krogh  
Heather Norsted  
Stacy Paulson  
Pat Sondreal  
John Yira  
Mollie Yetter  
Tae Sondreal  
Michael Bale  
Matthew Nicholas  
Nathan Nygaard  
Scott Blahauvietz  
Andrew Larsen  
Amy Timm  
Jennifer Harville  
Julayne Lindberg  
Lisa Clark  
Susan Bale

1987

Leah Burkel  
Josh Ganje  
Kelly Gonske  
Taunya Gosso  
Michelle Gunderson  
Shayne Gust  
Scott Hagen  
Sherri Kennedy  
Jeff Nielsen  
Rhett Norsted  
Stephanie Lien

1988

Chad Fansler

Benjamin Ganje  
Jessica Hallman  
Jason Hover  
Chelsea Jagusch  
Peter Johansen  
Sarah Madsen  
Nicole Newman  
Josh Nicholas  
Lisa Sherrard  
April Wels

1989

Melissa Gullickson  
Thomas Gust  
Eric Hagen  
Jonathan Larsen  
Daniel Maxon  
Katie Nielson  
Aaron Wels  
Michelle Breault  
Lori Christopherson  
Jeremy Williamson  
Jeff Dye  
Amy Ekar  
Cory Gosso  
Justin Hesych  
Andrew Lien  
Steven Osero  
Melissa Taxdahl  
Shanna Jagusch

1991

Jason Alan Amans  
Hanne Lynne Anderson  
Natalie Kathleen Behne  
Jennifer Lynn Dye  
Amy Lynn Gullickson  
Rachel Lee Hallman  
Ona Naomi Hesych  
Michelle Marie Johnson  
Jessica Carole Millermon  
Erik Nicolas Mortensen  
Chad Cameron Newman  
Heidi Sue Schock  
Shane Jeremy Troff  
Monica Regina Weaver



1965 High School Sunday Class: Bill Rasmussen, Cindy Palmer, Mona Jacobson, Greg Stoddard, Paula Larsen, Debbie Mills and Patty Pearson.

# Weddings



1905  
Charles Johnson and Minnie Springsteen  
Carl Olaf Carlson and Anna Regina Gjerde  
August Carlson and Olianna Gjerde

1908  
Andrew Widell and Hilma Peterson  
Habert H. Starr and Mildred Smith  
Bernt M. Uesberg and Ida Fredrika Swenson  
John Nelson and Ann Theresia Peterson

1909  
Carl Linner and Agnes Margarita Jensen

1910  
Charles E. Peterson and Emma J. Paulson  
Charley F. Johnson and Mrs. Mathilda Olund

1911  
Iverson and Selma Paulson  
Jens P. Erickson and Sigrid Lilljendahl  
John Solin and Pearl McLaughlin

1914  
Carl Gustafson and Eva Olson

1915  
Earl R. Porter and Ellen A. V. Olson  
Ernest Gerhard and Alma Anderson  
C. E. Meck and Myrtle Slater Goff

1916  
Henry H. Chilstrom and Agnes W. Dunberg

1917  
Warren F. Weaver and Helen K. Schnieder  
Guy L. Johnson and Vera E. Winchester  
Henry Halverson and Alma Carlson  
Ingwald Johnson and Amelia Jerdee

1919  
Carl R. Lovgren and Esther Johnson  
A. William Olson and Olive Nelson  
Albert V. Peterson and Ruth Elsie Lovgren

1920  
Ernest W. Hinz and Christine Hoel  
F. B. Andren and Ann Adeline Youngquist

1921  
Carl Henry Johnson and Esther Ludke

1923  
V. Martinson and Minnie Peterson

1924  
Hafdan G. Olson and Ruth Swanson

1925  
Anton Swanson and Edith Swanson

1927  
Alvin C. Stenberg and Agnes Bulow  
Franklin Peters and Deborah Swanson

1928  
Edward John Jones and Agnete D. Dueholm  
O. Herbert Olson and Louist Betsy Tarble

John J. Burman and Sadie V. Brandt  
Harris Isaacson and Blanche Tarble

1929  
Sigurd Bakke and Elsie Swanson

1930  
Axel Stark and Anna Stark  
Martin H. Degen and Thelma Johnson

1932  
Carl Edward Paulson and Myrtle Swanson

1933  
Clarence A. Seburg and Emma Wust

1934  
Lyle Luke and Marion Knutson  
Henry Folkerds and Helen K. Bragstad

1935  
Edwin C. Carlson and Alice Carlson

1937  
Dallas H. Leich and Helen Catherine Edman  
C. J. E. Nielsen and Elsie C. Nelson

1938  
Adolph Carlson and Christina Wendt  
Daryl K. Lien and Lois Bragstad  
Robert Seekins and Doris Berglund

1941  
Leslie Route and Clarissa Peterson

1942  
Wayne Anderson and Helen Froshaug

1944  
Herbert Schock and Marcella Knutson  
Edward Knutson and Lois Ludke  
Ernest Larson and Arlene Ethel Peterson  
Wesley Ludke and Genevieve Stream

1945  
Clarence Carlson and Helen Moltzer

1946  
Erwin C. Severson and Patricia Leone Gesell  
Clifford Peltier and Shirley Jackson  
Virgil Martinson and Phyllis Annette Siltberg

1948  
Gordon H. Tiroux and Joan Margaret Bulow  
Robert J. Williamson and Marie J. Stenberg  
Jens Fossum, Jr. and Lillian June Ausen

1949  
David G. Morrison and Lorraine I. Rehm  
Joseph L. Halverson and Lydia Giannone

Ardelle J. Hazelquist and Phyllis Gunderson  
Edwin Heppner and June Marilynn Pearson

1952  
Fred Strenke and Mildred Peterson  
James B. Utgard and Donna Y. Peterson

1953  
Charles W. Edler and Elaine L. Peterson  
Donald Benon and Virginia Anderson

1954  
Gerald Neville and Ila Mae Luke  
Stewart B. Morrison and Marianne Whitlark

1955  
Donald Christensen and Charlotte Stenberg

1956  
Lloyd R. Van Sickle and Verna M. Rehm

1958  
Ronald Lee Resmus and Irene Betsy Olson

1959  
Erling Harvey Eibs and Marilyn Marie Carlson  
Duane D. Booth and Joan Nathalie Carlson  
Jay Keith Luke and Suzanne Renee Hanna

1960  
Lawrence Wolle and Sonja J. Christenson  
Ronald F. Kemling and Vivian M. Johnson

1961  
Sigurd T. Hagen and Esther A. Hacker  
Lester R. Zobel and Gertrude Mary Tulgren  
Carl Winston Waataja and Mary Ann Luke

1962  
Arlo Glen Miller and Janice Marie Ericson

1963  
Ralph M. Van Hyfte and Judy V. Mardaus

1964  
Arlen Lee Burke and Janet Kay Dzubay  
Miles H. Sorenson and ViAnn V. Ericson  
David A. Wahlstrom and Carol Jean Pittman  
Richard Nelson Bale and Bonnie Alice Wood  
Harry Henry Plihal and Ruby Elnore Clouse  
Dennis Ralph Hegg and Donna Lou Spencer  
Jon Ronald Berquist and Susan Gail Estes

1965  
Gerald L. Peterson and Susan Mary Burman

1966  
Paul H. Petit and Kathleen Diane Bottolfson  
Danny J. Stewart and Marianne M. Lemme  
Bruce T. Jerney and Charlotte Marie Olson  
Phillip Jay Anson and Holly Lea Reddin  
Forest Macik Broderius and Mary Kay Lien

1967  
Gordon Nelson and Lorna Kay Ward  
Norman M. Osero and Marilyn Solomonson  
Dale Duane Damon and Patty Louise Maas  
Clarence Martin Ulrich and Esther V. Lewis

Merlin Frank Dunham and Darnell K. Amans

1968  
Dale E. Andrewson and Sally O. Sondreal  
Richard T. Franta and Jayne F. Hover

1969  
Rodney Everson and Janet Lemme  
Leo Joseph Caffey and Jacqueline Bodsberg

1970  
Terry Waalen and Pamel Beecroft  
William Greenwood and Shirley Johnson  
Dan O'Connor and Susan Sjobeck  
Larry Gorres and Jane Sondreal  
Mike Pearson and Shirley Gall  
Lowell Rieks and Beverly Bottolfson  
Dwight Lucht and Hazelann Eckert  
Brock Penman and Becky Luke  
Russell Eklund and Virginia Westlund  
Dennis Christopherson and Debbie Mills  
Gary Oftedahl and Mary Winchell

1971  
Gary Hover and Marjorie Hanson Laughnan  
Thomas C. Johnson and Mona G. Jacobson  
Marvin P. Maxon and Kathleen Carol Runkle  
John B. Caroon, Jr. and Judy Mae Eckert  
Robert Krueger and Eva Wilson

1972  
Barry E. Nielsen and Alesia Lynn Petersen  
Walter Robert Grewe and Anna Mae Meier  
Keith E. Millermon and Linda Carol Thorsen  
Michael R. Breault and Luanne L. Armstrong  
Howard Ott and Margaret Violet Whitlark  
Larry Eric Lindquist and Sheary Jean Wedin  
John Wayne Videen and Jean Carol Erickson  
William Larry Berg and Cynthia Jane Palmer  
Allan Gary Schock and Lou Ann Beecroft

1973  
Terry L. Christopherson and Karen E. Larsen  
Michael E. Wilhelm and Joyce Mary Larson  
Roger Breault and Vicki Marie Pearson  
John Salik and Elaine Holland

1974  
Kerry W. Gullickson and Nila Jean Petersen  
Michael R. Breault and Luanne L. Armstrong  
Russell D. Paulson and Christine E. Larsen  
Henry Breckenridge and Patricia J. LacQuay  
Neal A. Jepsen and Judith Ann Jerdee  
James F. Wildt and Patricia Ann Jacobson  
James Francis Ward and Wendy Ann Wolf  
Timothy D. Moore and Julie Kathleen Hegg  
Peter C. Randklev and Cheryl Ann Jacobson  
Mark Allen Johnson and Marcia M. Nielsen  
Russell C. Rehm and Mildred Alvina Wilhelm  
Bruce Arlyn Bottolfson and Helena Ann Pesik  
Larry M. Kuhl and Patricia Ann Pearson  
Steve Wold and Gwen Candace Johnson  
Larry E. Christenson and Valerie A. Whitlark

1975  
Curtis R. Isakson and Heidi Ann Christianson  
Dennis J. Armstrong and Pamela F. Wilkins  
John R. Harvieux and Margo A. Winchell  
Kendall J. Schuna and Gail K. Mickelson  
Alan Alex Amans and Diane M. Mainz  
Arlen K. Peterson and Gail C. Carlson

1976  
Marvin W. Williams and Susan Jean Jerdee  
Dean Allan Talerico and Janell Jane Utgard  
Barry Marshall Martin and Vicki L. Arneson

1977  
Joseph George Ahlm and Jean Marie Hover  
James A. Swanson and Kori Ann McKinney  
William H. Benz and Kathleen Ann Bieniasz

1978  
B. A. Fretwell, Jr. and Joanne Lillian Sjobeck  
Neil Sheldon Pickard and Sally Marie Kittel  
Melvin Arne Madsen and Connie D. Gattenby  
Robert R. Iverson and Mary Carolyn O'Brien

Scott Steven Carlson and Dawn A. Darvial  
Gregg Allen Olson and Jill Arlene Johnson

1979  
James Lee Hartmann and Julie Ann Nacey

1980  
Rodney Hognlund and Brenda Schmid  
Daniel J. Lundgren and Diane M. Williamson  
Ronald Fischer and Lori Larson  
Rodney K. Hognlund and Brenda Dee Schmid  
Michael James Utgard and Brenda Kay Harr  
Scott S. Carlson and Mary K. Goldsmith  
Marlin D. Brandan and Cheryl L. Gustafson

1981  
Carl Newton and Joyce Homer  
Randy Kosanke and Janice Johnson  
Dean J. Christenson and Joan Ellen Walker  
Rolf Marck and Marcella Christensen  
William Hecht and Terresa Wright  
Mark Gilbertson and Terry Andren  
Sheldon Thad Betzold and Linda Jo Utgard  
Mike Evans and Katie Sondreal  
Alan Belisle and Joyce Larson  
Albert Lindner, Jr. and Leanne Carol Engren  
David Van Rohrer and Darla Dawn Dixon

1982  
Steve Effertz and Judy Schroeder  
Jeff Eggerman and Paula Mickelson  
Steve Effertz & Judy Schroeder  
Don Stewart and Sheryl Beecroft  
Rob Lee and Melissa Kostka  
Larry Chelberg and LuAnn Johnson  
Steve Bieniasz and Robin Rogers  
Craig Peters and Kathy Hennessey  
Darrel Johnson and LuAnne Breault  
Joel Bartlett and Beth Johnson  
Doug Larsen and Debbie Tilton  
Steve Schulte and Tracy Schwoch  
Gary Tendrup and Sonya Gunderson  
Mark Meyer and Marcia Hesych  
Dave DeYoung and Kathy Scheel  
Lenny Engstrand and Tracy Jacobson  
Greg Henke and Sandy Hoff

1983  
Howard Fischer and Nikki Carrol  
Steve Pearson and Sheryl Elleveld  
Aavid Fouks and Lori Dixon  
Jerry Sondreal and Sue McConnell  
Joe Stanek and Julie Madsen  
Dave Amans and Pam Lardy  
Paul Elbing and Rebecca Kroog  
LaVerne Petersen and Norma Lund

Scott Peters and Shari Johnston  
Bob Brandt and Cheryl Johnson

1984  
Richard Stella and Robin Lundberg  
Timothy Clarke and Ruth Ann Rehm  
Michael Strand and Carmen Trandum  
Tim Geoghegan and Judy Mitchell

1985  
David Purdy and Lorelei Niemann  
Jeffrey Chelberg and Jodi Buss  
Robert Miller and Jean Palmer  
Rick Johannsen and Gwen Arneson  
Brian Estes and Brenda Tilton  
Dan Volrath and Sandra Sternquist

1986  
Peter Kittel and Cheryl Haasnoot  
Harold Munkholm and Janet Erickson  
Jeffrey Claussen and Tracy Erickson  
Randy Juen and Karen Krogh  
Gene LaMere and Linda Calabria  
Robert Arnold and Margaret Belisle  
Richard Dresser and Karmen Krogh  
James Maxon and Deanna Riley

1987  
Geoffrey Grimm and Michelle Hover  
David Karpenske and Jean Carlson  
Randy Johannsen and Juliann Dierke  
Craig Filkowski and Robin Ward  
David Moore and Michelle Harshman  
Duaine Van Houten and Mary Jo Lee

1988  
Steven Melloch and Barbara Johnson  
James Krupa and Karen Marquardt  
Larry Riemenschneider and Julie Lindberg  
Greg Kobernick and Sarah Johnson  
Arthur Seeger and Diane Hawkins  
Jim Ross and Terri McIntosh  
James Ganter and Tracy Harshman  
Mark Sherry and Penny Lien  
Randy Heil and Jennifer Burke

1989  
Thomas Schwolert and Melanie Teig  
Todd Leslie and Sheri Knutson  
Jeffrey Williams and Melissa Christian  
Darren Palmberg and Debra Clark  
Timothy Klatt and Rhonda Kibler

1990  
Lorn Becherer and Jill Harris  
David Andersen and Patti Rust  
Thomas Petron, Jr. and Amy Johnson  
James Fredrick and Sandra Johnson  
Doug Hoffman and Cheryl Wright  
Kirk Noha and Jennifer Gust  
Randy Selle and Julie Ann Hartmann  
Brad Swanson and Nancy Hammond  
Douglas Johnson and Sharilyn Gunderson  
Larry Soderberg and Teresa Eckert  
Dale Prissel and Joan Kibler  
Brian Niemann and Angela Kelzer

1991  
Peter William Clausen and Lisa L. Klewicki  
Stanley Dean Petersen and Diana Lynn Cain  
James Robert Sayovitz and Julie Lynn Kresl  
Jodi Wood and Joel Karnick  
Steven Roehl and Pamela Swanson

# Funerals



1905  
Irene Carlson

1906  
Pet Nelson  
Rune T. Peterson  
Clara Julie Mariana Peterson  
Dora Hilstad  
Bengt Peter Lundqvist

1907  
Edith Amalia Peterson  
Emma Sofia Lundqvist  
Josef Olson

1908  
Gladys Irene Wilson  
Louis Hanson  
Axel Bernhard Lambert  
Maria Peterson  
Johan August Larson

1909  
Marit Andrine Larson  
Carn Johnson

1910  
Andreas Jonson

1911  
Gust Lillienberg

1912  
Johanna M. Peterson

1913  
John Peterson  
Jonas Johanson Norell

1914  
Carl Elmgren  
Minnie Albertha Johnson

1915  
Alfred Lewis Hallberg

1916  
John Peterson  
Verger Walder  
Son/Mr. & Mrs. Anton Palmberg

1917  
Gustaf Carlson  
Inga M. Johnson  
John L. Olson

1918  
Emma Louis Route  
Josef Elmer Johnson  
Anna Brita Lindquist  
Rasmus Peterson  
Frank Oscar Olund  
Maria Henrietta Linner  
Son/Mr. & Mrs. Warren Weaver

1919  
Johanna Stenval  
James Martin  
Elna Johnson

Anna Sophia Olin

1920  
J. Gustaf Nelson  
Baby Nordahl  
Ole Sohlberg  
N. Johan Lindstrom  
Karin Maria Bergstrom  
Frans A. Peterson

1922  
Emma Maria Flood  
Marie Cecilia Lambert  
Annie Anderson

1923  
John Knut Gilbertson  
Rina Hanson  
Hans Weraas  
Bengra Wiberg  
Ole Johnson  
A. William Olson

1924  
Effie Ethel Olson  
Inger B. Spangberg  
Edwin Berglund  
Maria Peterson

1925  
Knut August Stone  
Kate Johnson  
Eric Dahlquist  
Ole P. Lund

1926  
Ingrid M. Linner  
Martha Elmgren  
G. Wilhelmina Martinson  
Emma M. Nordlund

1927  
Svante Lambert  
Marie K. Stenberg

1928  
Mrs. August Peterson  
Peter Johnson  
Mrs. Frank G. Peterson

1929  
Mrs. Jennie Peterson  
Fredrick Carlson  
Anna Solhberg  
August Hultquist  
Mrs. Otto Kinney  
Walter E. Rask  
Lorne Larson  
Mrs. Alfred Vadman  
Martin Austenson

1930  
Albert Sofus Iverson  
Severina E. Iverson  
Mrs. I. G. Ringstrom  
Johanna Nelson  
Jacob Nelson Seberg

1931  
Sophia Charlotta Olson

1933  
Hilma Sjoblom  
Carl Erick Peterson

1934  
Infant Ruby Joyce Carlson  
Lillie Annette Lovgren  
Sander Larson  
August Olson  
Anna Knutson

1935  
Eva Hallquist  
N. P. Johnson  
Mrs. Charles Blaid  
Robert Melburn Larson

1936  
Frans Helmer Peterson  
Sophia Dorothea Carlson  
Nils Spangberg  
Ruth Sjoblom

1937  
Carl John Carlson  
Julia Bergstrom  
Ladana Helen Peterson  
Charles Anderson Dahl

1938  
Anna Lambert

1939  
Bengt Johnson  
Charles C. Severson  
Mrs. Carl August Malmberg  
Mrs. William Loeffgren  
Mrs. Carl John Carlson

1940  
John Iverson

1941  
Infant/Mr. & Mrs. Chet Johnson  
Dr. John Andrew Regner  
John Swanson  
Henry Theodore Halverson

1943  
Mrs. John A. Larson  
Anna Mathilda Johnson  
Ned Eugene Pace

1944  
Harold Edward Laner  
John Gustaf Swanson  
Infant/Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Johnson  
Mrs. Nels A. Johnson  
Hazel D. Heberlein

1945  
Louis Selin  
Avon Wilhelm Palm  
Mrs. Charles W. Anderson  
Nelson Lorenzo Sherwood

1946  
Infant/Mr. & Mrs. Elmer Olson  
Charles William Anderson  
Andrew A. Johnson  
Roy Alfred Colburn  
Lawrence Hedlund

1947  
Infant/Mr. & Mrs. R. Bohmback  
John O. Palmberg  
Carl August Malmberg  
Paul Scott Marck

1948  
Carl Albert Theodore Vadman  
Alfred Vadman  
Mrs. John G. Swanson  
John A. Edman  
Infant/Mr. & Mrs. Henry Johnson  
John Gustav Burman  
Peter Gustaf Laner  
Mrs. Oscar Tarble

1949  
Charles John Blaid  
Isadora Anderson  
John Hendrickson  
William Alexander Lovgren

1950  
Arthur Ragner Sjobeck  
Mrs. Otto Swanson  
Anna Mary Anderson  
Annie Knutson  
Axel Anderson  
Anna Swenson  
Henry Lyzhoff  
Herman Theodore Swanson

1951  
Anna W. Ridler  
August H. Benson  
Charles W. Stenberg  
Otto Swanson  
Mrs. Agnes Thoren

1952  
Linda Kay Baumgart  
Carl A. M. Liljenstrom  
Ida L. Larson  
Mrs. Alma D. Palmer  
Mrs. Nels P. Johnson

1953  
Mrs. Esther Normand  
Elfie Wood Peters  
Lewis Larsen  
Harris A. Isaacson  
Loren Rodney Carlson

1954  
George Sendson  
Mrs. John G. Burman

Nels Bernard Nelson  
Betty Christina Nelson  
Helen Eidam  
Mrs. Edward Sneen  
John Adolph Hedlund  
Harriet Bragstad  
Blanche Isaacson  
Nels A. Johnson

1955  
Tolf Johnson  
Alfred Anderson  
Charles F. Sjoblom  
George Peterson

1956  
Mrs. Emma Penard  
Mrs. Charles Blade

1957  
Hanna Elizabeth Anderson  
Martin Baker  
Blanche C. Erno  
Janice Irene Strenke  
Infant/Mr. & Mrs. Ray Bastin  
Esther Katherine Johnson  
Mary Christine Keiski  
Anna Margretta Olson

1958  
John David Palmer  
Mary Margaret Lund  
Infant/Mr. & Mrs. Otis Huset  
Mary Jane Christianson  
Lewis Ervin Bragstad  
Carl Oscar Framstad

1959  
Infant/Mr. & Mrs. D. Christensen  
Dora Amanda Rehm  
Joseph Ahlberg  
Clarence Donald Jewett  
Brenda Lee Winchell  
Roy Nathan Smith

1960  
Katherine Alvina Berthelson  
Josie Emilia Linden  
Elizabeth Ann Luke  
Casper Dedrickson  
Carl Edward Carlson  
Calvin J. Combs  
Edward August Bellman

1961  
Nels Elmer Olson  
Anna Ovedia Framsted  
August Carlson  
William J. Larson  
Ida Wilhelmina Torgerson  
Paulina Josephina Larson

1962  
Melvin Otto Framsted  
Willie Nelson  
Augusta Edilia Eklund  
Thomas Wallace Luke  
Inga Sophie Pierson  
Emily E. Plihal  
Oscar Alfred Johnson  
Edna Helene Hansen  
Christina Hemker Carlson  
Myrtle Ann Ludke

Edward John Thoren

1963  
Carl Herman Rehm  
William A. Lemmer  
Johan August Larson  
Gunner Nelson  
Mariane Johnson  
Iona Shafer  
Pauline Ahlberg

1964  
Infant/Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Johnson  
Ellen Hanson  
Amanda Augusta Stenberg  
Hans Eidam  
Louis Edmond Carlson  
Selma E. Regner  
Vernon Edward Cutcher  
Carl Henry Johnson

1965  
Beda Peterson  
Elinore Bernice Gaare  
Clara Olson  
Daniel Wade  
Violet Johnson

1966  
Knute Johnson  
Laura Nelson  
Mrs. Charles Carlson

1967  
Jean Bottolfson  
Letae Bellman  
Nels Jepson

1968  
Elmer Hillbery  
Evelyn Patterson  
John Linden  
Leonard Montgomery

1969  
Mrs. Ruth Risberg  
Mrs. Hilda Johnson  
Oscar Olson  
John Froshaug

1970  
Mrs. Russell Rehm

1971  
Agnes Jepson  
Myrtha Marie Danielson  
Carl Burman  
Louis Oscar Seablom

1972  
Anna Pauline Anderson  
Godfrey Rasmussen  
Steven Douglas Gunderson  
Terry Lee Thomas  
Peter C. Peterson  
Eva Mae Torgerson

1973  
Karl Bockmann  
Esther Anderson  
Fred C. Whitlark  
Harvey Anderson  
Alma Lemme

Signe Wiklund  
Olive Hendrickson  
Lillian Sophia Carney

1974  
Mrs. Anna Bottolfson  
Julia M. Olson  
Alexander Johnson  
Mrs. Godfrey Rasmussen  
Arvid Swanson

1975  
Mrs. Amy Johnson

1976  
Esther M. Locke  
Pearl Johnson  
Henry Maas  
Otto Carlson  
Arthur Palmer  
Vaughn Steele  
Arthur Edward Morden  
Hulda Johnson  
Baby Boy Schuna

1977  
Mrs. Alvina Steel  
Anna Olson  
Cecila Swanson  
Milton Aasmundrud

1978  
Florence Winchell  
Margie Anderson  
Ellie Johnson  
Edith Lemmer

1979  
Edward Johnson  
Arvida Christine Foster  
Joe Torgerson  
Donna Utgard  
Minnie Framsted  
Phyllis Lee

1980  
Elmer Anderson  
Darrel Lien  
Debbie Maxon  
William Anderson  
Caroline Belisle  
Elsie Maas  
Marion Josephine Marck  
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1982  
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1983  
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1986  
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1987  
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1989  
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