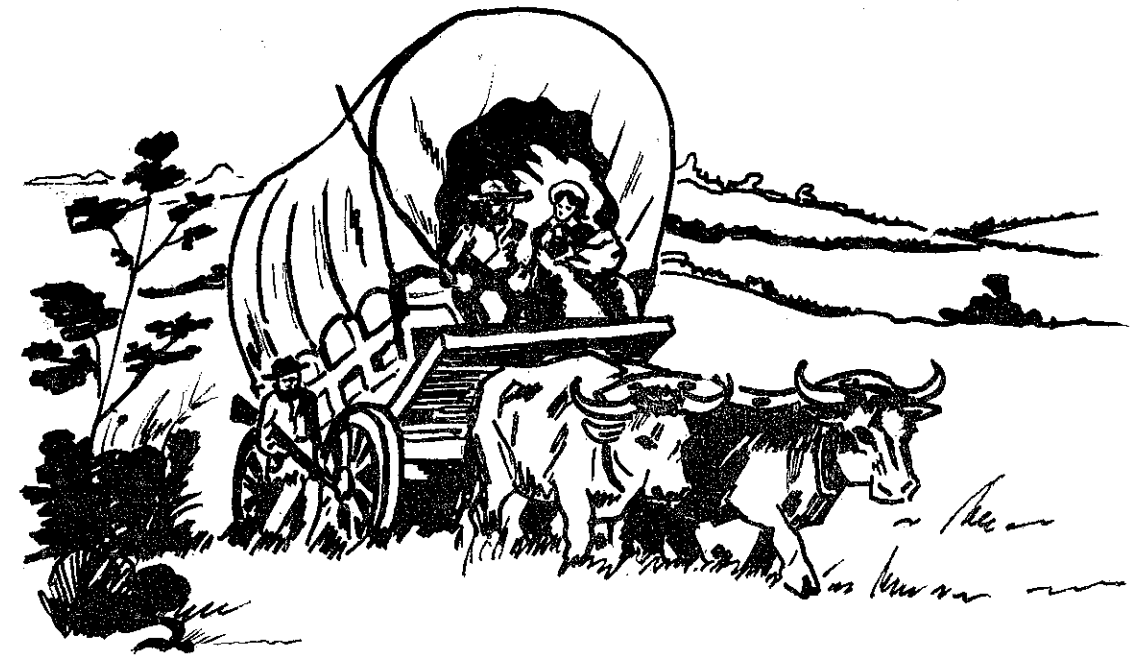


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ANNIVERSARY

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HISTORY
of
Greenfield
Evangelical Lutheran
Church

HARMONY, MINNESOTA
Winmore County



"For the people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland" Heb. 11:14

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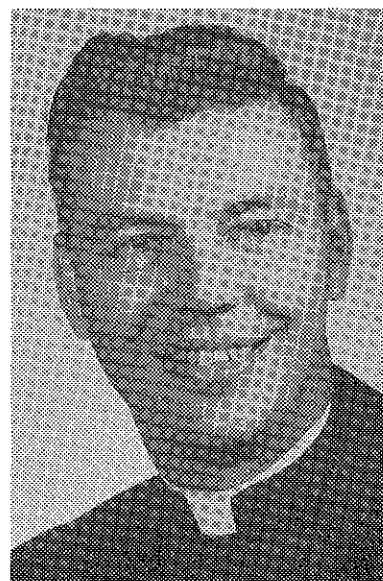
DEDICATION

With sincere gratefulness to our pioneers who realized the dire need of the church and whose foresight made our centennial year possible, we dedicate this history to the present and future members of Greenfield Congregation, who have not only the privilege, but also the responsibility of maintaining and continuing the heritage of our church in future years.



GREENFIELD CHURCH

FOREWORD



As a colorful summer sunset lingers over the majestic horizon, so lingers the history of Greenfield congregation in the year 1956.

Pioneers and pestilence, trials and tears, laughter and laudators, debates and determination—herein is embodied the inheritance of the present generation. However, whether it has been sung in Norwegian by the earlier settlers or in English by the mechanized farmer of today, "God's Word is Our Great Heritage".

As the sun goes down and the shadows lengthen over yesterday, the role of God's Church comes more clearly into focus.

Into the homes, the little country school house, the old brick church and the present church home came the pastors to teach and to preach the promises of God's salvation.

Young men who fought for the freedom of America were brought home to rest in home soil. They came from the Civil War, World War I, World War II. And the Church gave to their immediate families the assurance of the resurrection.

The people of the Church were helped through the epidemics of malaria, smallpox, diphtheria, flu, poliomyelitis, through destruction and depressions and all the ever-present incidents of illness, accident and old age. For each situation God spoke His Word of love and encouragement.

To the font was brought the babe in arms, before the altar stood the catechumen, kneeling at the feet of Jesus was the bride and groom—each to receive the blessings of the Lord.

So the years close their ranks. We move from one remembrance to another only to see that Almighty God has been ever-present "showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me and keep my Commandments".

Feb 13, 1955

Rev. Walter G. Johnson

GREETINGS



Stiff and tired they got down from their covered wagons. This was where they were going to settle, for there was not only timber from which they would make their homes but also plenty of good clear water. As soon as their log cabins were up, they gathered in these to worship God. Their first pastor, Tobias Larson, was their spiritual father and guide. Life was not normal for them unless they had their pastor and the church among them. We are proud of them and thank God for them.

You, their descendants, have come from far and near to help celebrate Greenfield's Centennial. You have many well-guarded memories transmitted to you by the early settlers, as well as memories from your own childhood experiences. You remember your childhood home, the Sunday services in the old school house and later in the new brick church. With outstretched hands we clasp yours in welcome to this joyous occasion. Enjoy these days to the fullest extent!

We greet you who are related to the Rev. Gerhard Rasmussen. He served long and well here. We revere his memory. We greet you Rev. and Mrs. Brenna and family. You gave your best years to this congregation, serving it and serving God. We greet you Rev. and

Mrs. Gravdal for your invigorating service. You did much for this congregation and you have its warm thanks. To Rev. and Mrs. Lee our greetings too for your fine work. God has truly watched tenderly over his precious flock.

Greenfield has contributed two sons who are pastors in our church, Rev. John Rockne and Rev. Harry Gregerson, also one missionary Miss Otelia Haugerud. Besides these, there are others who are working in other branches of our church. To these persons and all former confirmands who have come back for a happy reunion we extend our sincere and warm greeting! It is good to have you with us during these memorable days.

Rev. Knut Monson

Sept 15, 1954

Greenfield Lutheran Church
Harmony, Minnesota
55939

CHURCH HISTORY

This year, by the Grace of God, the Greenfield Lutheran Church is commemorating one hundred years of Christian service. Norwegian immigration to this country began in 1825, when the first contingent of fifty-three came from Norway. From 1839 to 1850 many more came. Coming mostly from the country districts of their homeland, these immigrants naturally turned their attention to agriculture. Their coming at this time was most opportune, as the very heart of the agricultural section of the United States was opened for settlement. Most of them settled in Illinois and Wisconsin. In the early "fifties" they began to go west. Settlers from Muskego and other places found their way to Iowa and Minnesota.

In June 1854, the first Norwegian settlement was made in that part of Fillmore County called Greenfield Prairie. The first of these settlers were Johannes E. Sauarlie, (Ellis) and Johannes Thoe, with their families. A few weeks later two more families arrived, namely: Erik Solseth and Herbjorn N. Ingulfslund (Nelson). Other settlers came, not only from the old settlements, but direct from Norway as well.

While these early settlers were busy building log huts, breaking the virgin soil and providing shelter for domestic animals, they were not neglecting the spiritual side of their lives. Although there was very little public preaching, they had their daily devotions and the children were required to learn the Catechism, Bible History and the Explanation.

In 1854 there were no railroads and only one town (Chatfield) in the county was platted. All locations were designated by grove or prairie.

In 1855, Fillmore, Jordan, Forestville, Preston, Big Spring and Newburg were platted in order given. Greenfield was on the "Brink and Walker" stage route, which extended from Dubuque to St. Paul. This route via: Ossian, Decorah and Burr Oak, entered Fillmore County in Township 101, Range 9, and ran diagonally across the county from the southeast to the northwest; the stages stopping at stations Greenfield, Carimona and Fillmore in Fillmore County and Pleasant Grove in Olmstead County—in 1856 and 1857.

With the arrival of more settlers it was necessary to provide a place to buy provisions and a stopping place for travelers on the stage route. Knud Peterson (Husevold) built a store across the road, north of where the original cemetery is located, and William Burchard built a hotel. There was also a blacksmith shop and I regret to say several saloons were opened. Knud Peterson took in a partner, a Mr. Norton, who took the money on hand, went to buy goods for the store, and never returned.

The first post office was called Peterson after Knud Peterson, the first postmaster. It was later called Windom after Senator Windom, but has been called Harmony Post Office since its re-location in 1872.

About this time Lars O. Hamre, a native of Valdres, Norway, opened a store here; but after ten days his stock was stolen and having no means to replenish it, he moved away. He had been a farm hand and school teacher before coming to Greenfield. Later he went to Preston and was Treasurer of Fillmore County in 1896.

The winters of 1855 and 1856 were so cold that for ninety consecutive days it didn't thaw on the north side of the settler's cabins. In the winter of 1856-57 the town was covered with a blanket of snow to a depth of about forty-two inches. Shortly after the sun came out and warmed the outer surface, which was followed by zero temperature. This was called the "winter of the crust"—the crust being strong enough to hold up 150 pounds to the square foot. Skis were the only means of locomotion that winter. Many deer that were caught in the snow were killed and eaten.

During this time they were without a regular minister. Their spiritual wants were taken care of by pioneer ministers from Norway; Rev. P. A. Rasmussen, Rev. U. V. Koren, Rev. Nils E. Jensen and others, from 1856 to 1865, until Rev. Tobias Larson came. Meetings were held in the homes or in the little "red school house" a half mile east of the old church site.



P. A. Rasmussen
Born January 9, 1829
Died August 15, 1898



N. E. S. Jensen
Born Sept. 21, 1824
Died 1874



U. V. Koren
Born December 22, 1826
Died December 19, 1910

The first recorded meeting of the settlers was on December 10, 1864. At a meeting on October 5, 1865 arrangements were made with the Satersdal, Bloomfield and Union Prairie congregations to unite with Greenfield for the purpose of calling a minister and providing a parsonage. A call was extended to Candidate Theologian Tobias Larson. He passed his examination at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo., June 27, 1865 and was ordained by Pres. H. A. Preus of the Norwegian Synod, July 23, 1865. He was installed as minister in Greenfield, July 30, 1865 by Prof. F. A. Schmidt of Luther College, assisted by the Rev. P. A. Rasmussen. Plymouth Rock, Iowa, a very small congregation was without a minister and Rev. Larson served them occasionally. The following is part of the "Letter of Call" sent to him. "Provide \$300, per year salary. Free-will offerings for performing ministerial acts. A house with at least 20 acres of land, tilled and fenced. One bushel wheat, one bushel oats or their equivalent in money. Wood or its equivalent. The call was signed May 20, 1864, by Knud Olson, Evind Knudson, Lawrentz Aslakson, Ole S. Erickson, Herbjorn Nilson, Arne Arneson, Arne Evenson and witnessed by Rev. N. E. Jensen, acting minister. The call was extended as from Greenfield, Satersdal, Bloomfield and Union Prairie. Each to furnish the same amount towards the salary, except that Greenfield was to furnish all the wood."

At a meeting January 2, 1866, a constitution was adopted. A copy was placed in the cornerstone of the new church later built in Harmony, but the original is with the ministerial books.

The most pressing need of the new congregation was a church building. An acre of ground was donated by Knut Peterson and the church was started in 1866. It was built of brick from a kiln owned by Arne Aaberg, about a half mile east of the church site. Suitable clay was found on the Aaberg, and what was later known as, the Hans Bergan farm. The church building was 48 feet long, 36 feet wide and 18 feet high, with a 75-foot steeple. As soon as it was enclosed it was used, but wasn't dedicated until October 7, 1874, by Rev. U. V. Koren, assisted by the Revs. Nils Brandt, St. S. Reque and the local pastor. It fulfilled its mission for forty-six years. Lightning struck it once splintering the steeple and fire had started but luckily it had gone out. The building was taken down in 1919, having been declared unsafe.

In 1866 the four congregations built a parsonage. It served as such until 1897 when Rev. Dreyer moved to Harmony and built his own house. The farm was bought by Ole Quammen and has remained in the family since, being owned and occupied by Truman Quammen and wife. The brick house is still in very good condition.

The county records at Preston show that one acre of ground was donated by Svennung Johnson Bergan for a cemetery, in 1858, and the next addition was three acres from Rev. Tobias Larson. This was described as belonging to the Greenfield Burial Association.

There are long lists of baptisms, funerals, etc. but only the first of each can be given, for lack of space. The first recorded baptism is that of Jorand, daughter of Torgrim Drengson and Aslaug Tollef's daughter who was born on May 16, 1865 and baptized July 30, 1865.

The first confirmation was held April 8, 1866 probably in the "Little Red Schoolhouse". They were: Osten Hagen, Knud Hermanson, Osten Boen, Nils Kvile, Andreas Aaberg, Anton Fjeldhaug,

Ole Buxerud, Ole Maarem, Maren, Johans daughter, Aase Hagen, Vilborg Kirkeli, Ingeborg Harstad. The first class, twenty-four in number, to be confirmed in the new church June 16, 1867 were John Wilson Neshaug, Ole Scrabak, Ole Waa, Ole Felland, Ole Pederson Gullemogen, Herman Nubson, Edwin Sauerlie, John Gunnufson Bruffudt, Martin Buxerud, Ole Maland, Thosten Appen, Hans Helle, Lise Mathilde Neshaug, Aslaug Anna Neshaug, Maria Traim, Tone Felland, Kristine Kittelsdatter Fjostuft, H. Gundersdatter Thoe, Anne Flatestol, Signe Bostrok, Dorteia Fjeldhaug, Bertle Maria Hagen, Ambjor Maarem and Ingeborg Hemmestvedt. The walls and roof were finished but boards were used for seats and there was a dirt floor.

The first recorded marriage April 24, 1866, was Jorgen Kittelson to Mari Gunder's daughter. Birthplace, Lillegjord, Norway. Witnesses: G. A. Larson-D. H. Fjeldhaug. The first marriage (not recorded)—1857, Knud Peterson to Tone Johnson Bergan. The last recorded marriage, April 5, 1887, Austen Nelson to Anne Torkelson by Rev. Tobias Larson.

The first recorded burial, Ole Annundson Aamli—born December 26, 1866, died January 9, 1867, but the first burial was in 1858, before records were kept. There is a small monument about twenty inches high near the northwest corner in the original cemetery, with a reclining lamb on it, which reads as follows: "Anne Helena, daughter of K. J. and T. Husevold. Born Nov. 14, 1856—died July 24, 1858." This child met a tragic death. She was seated in a high chair near the stove and was scalded when she pulled a coffee pot on her. She was a sister of Turine Husevold (Mrs. L. Jerdee). This piece of misfortune was followed by the burning of the home.

The first Ladies Aid society was organized by Mrs. Tobias Larson, at the parsonage, in September, 1876. They met in the homes.

The first caretaker in the church was Johannes Ellefson Sauerlie (Ellis), who served for many years.

The records show that they had parochial school teachers. The first were Hans Christian Tiegan, Gregar Herbjorson Boen and Paul Knudson. Their salary was \$10 per month.

The "little red schoolhouse" one-half mile east of the church site was dedicated November 5, 1885, by Rev. Kr. Magellsen at a mission festival. Services, parochial school and confirmation classes met here. May 9, 1857 Svennung Johnson Bergan and wife deeded to the "Inhabitants of School District No. 20" one-fourth acre of land as a gift. At first Sunday School was held in the homes of Arne Kirkeli and Ole Scrabeck, Sr. In 1875 a Sunday School was started and has continued almost without a break to this day. Tollef Sanderson, Sr. was the first Superintendent. A young people's society was started by Rev. Larson March 14, 1878 and a singing school February 10, 1874.

The liquor question had become a problem. Temperance committees were appointed and met at the schoolhouse January 18, 21, 27, and at the parsonage January 30, and February 4, 1886. The saloons were taking the money needed so badly at home.

Missionary Borchgrevink visited the congregation February 18, 1884, during a mission festival. The congregation was already working with the Norwegian Mission (Norway), especially in Madagascar.

At the annual meeting March 10, 1880, they voted to enclose the cemetery with a wire fence, with four wires and with posts one rod apart. This to be built on three sides, the fourth side to have a picket fence.

Stables were built to protect the horses from cold and bad weather. These stables were long sheds, open in front, divided by partitions, resembling stalls. Those who didn't build stables had to furnish hitching posts.

In 1881 they voted that each one who went to communion should pay ten cents to help pay for the bread and the wine.

Hans C. Tiegan was now the schoolteacher, holding seven months English school and two months of Norwegian. His salary was \$20 per month and he was to also act as Kirke-sanger (songleader) in church.

During 1880 and 1881 Rev. Larson received only \$250.00, per year, but because of conditions he was satisfied with that. A motion was now made that those who owned 80 acres of land should pay \$3.00 per year and those who owned more should pay \$6.00. As some owned no land it was left that each should pay what he was able to.

On August 24, 1884 artist Herbjorn Gausta met with the congregation in regard to the cost of an altar painting. He agreed to paint "Christ's Resurrection" for \$100. This painting was kept when the old church was dismantled and later presented to the Fremont congregation whose church was struck by lightning and burned.

The communion set used in the old church, consisting of chalice and tankard, was kept and is now in the sacristy of the new church.

In 1885 Greenfield had a doctor who lived in Harmony. The records show that the Ladies' Aid met in the home of Dr. Skallerud on March 4.

In 1886 Rev. Larson organized a "total-abstinence society," and they had employed a speaker for that purpose.

They also had an organ in 1886, but no mention is made as to who was the organist. However, Tollef Sanderson, Sr. was appointed to have it repaired.

This same year they withdrew from the Norwegian Synod. It had a college at Decorah, Iowa and a Theological Seminary at Madison, Wisconsin. Rev. Larson warned that their upkeep would be affected and that they might have to be sold for the debt. Luckily this did not happen.

Doctrinal controversies which had been carried on between some factions of the Lutheran Church in this country also affected this congregation. It could hardly escape being drawn into them. Many congregations were split, but happily Greenfield escaped that misfortune. For many years it was a member of the Norwegian Synod of America, but during the controversy it severed its connection and remained without synodical connection until 1916 when it joined the United Norwegian Lutheran Church. It is now a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELC).

At the January 1, 1887 annual meeting Rev. Larson resigned. He thought a young man should be called who could preach in English as well as Norwegian. He said there were many people in nearby towns without churches and that it would do them good to hear God's Word preached. It was decided to write to Bishop Laache in Norway and have him supply them with a minister. The letter was sent on March 12, 1887. The call was then issued to Candidate Theologian Peder Dreyer, through Bishop Laache and the call was accepted. Before coming to Greenfield he was ordained by Rev. P. A. Rasmussen at Lisbon, Illinois. He entered upon his duties September 4, 1887 and was installed by Rev. Jens I. Krohn of North Prairie.

Rev. Tobias Larson preached his farwell sermon in the Greenfield church July 31, 1887 after serving the congregation faithfully for twenty-two years. He moved to Wittenberg, Wisconsin, where he had charge of the Indian School. Later he moved to Parkland, Washington, where he died. His widow outlived him by many years.

Rev. and Mrs. Larson had one foster daughter Hilda who was married to Rev. T. H. Haugen at Wittenberg, Wisconsin, October 28, 1890. He died in 1915 at Northfield, Minnesota, where he was pastor. They had five children, two of whom are living, Mrs. Stella Young and Randolph Haugen, manager of the Augsburg Publishing House of Minneapolis. The mother, Hilda, is now living in Minneapolis. Hilda J. D. Erhardt was born in Christiania, Norway, September 26, 1868 and baptized in in the Jevanker church November 22, 1868. She came with her family to America in 1870 and lived near Harmony. She was confirmed in the Greenfield church July 15, 1883.

When Rev. Larson resigned, the charge consisted of Greenfield, Satersdal and Henrytown. Union Prairie and Bloomfield had in the meantime joined other congregations. Henrytown was formerly a part of the Greenfield congregation but owing to the long distance from the church they had organized a congregation for themselves. The Henrytown congregation evidently had timber land, as the records show that Hans Olson was given permission to make a path through about 40 acres of forest that he might get water, with the understanding he was not to damage the woods.

Lanesboro and Union Prairie had now merged and called a minister and said that Rev. Dreyer would be released January 1, 1889. He now had a call to serve Lime Springs and Bloomfield. He was permitted to serve Lime Springs, but not Bloomfield, as that was near Rev. Bue who could serve them. Often in bad weather he made these trips through snow on horseback and on skis.

In 1889 the community again had a doctor. Dr. L. K. Onsgard joined the congregation October 30, 1889.

Rev. Dreyer lived in the country parsonage until 1897 when he built a house for himself in Harmony. His salary at this time was to be \$200.00 per year, of which Greenfield paid \$110, Satersdal \$45, and Henrytown \$45, effective January 1, 1898. Congregation was to furnish him with wood. The congregation voted to have an auction on the country property—and not to take less than \$2500 for the forty acres. The twenty acres of woodland in Henrytown to be sold separately. Auction to be the second week in August 1897.

The first recorded organist in the old church was Olaf Seem, a teacher from Henrytown, who served from 1889 to early summer of 1898. When he died, Ida Sorenson substituted until the winter of 1898 when Mrs. Olaf Seem became organist. She served until 1911. P. T. Larson was now Kirkesanger (song-leader), Nels H. Helle, Klokker (sexton) and Steen Soum, caretaker.

In the meantime Rev. Dreyer was struggling with the English language, preaching at times in the schoolhouse or hall in Harmony. That took courage. For more than fifty years the Norwegian language had been used, but at the annual meeting January 1920, it was voted that English should be the official language, but to use both languages. The first class that had English confirmands was confirmed November 6, 1898, with only two in English; namely Frank Bollman and Harry Sorenson, all others in Norwegian.

It is worthy of note that on Wednesday, October 8, 1902, The Norwegian Pioneer Association of America met in the chapel and the congregation sponsored an elaborate banquet for them. Tollef Sanderson, Sr. was toastmaster and the following program was given: Bordbon—Pastor H. A. Stub; Pioneererne—Pastor J. O. Haugen; Amerika—Prof. R. B. Anderson; Pioneerdagen—Hon. Chr. Hellickson; Gamle Dage—Pastor H. A. Stub; Norske Navne—Pastor A. Bredeson; Samling of Pioneer—Biografier—Prof. A. A. Veblen; Norsk Sang—Hon. Knud Henderson; Pioneererne som Embedsmand—Hon. K. Thompson; Norske Amerikaneres Fremtid—Hon. Peer O. Stromme.

At the time of the resignation of Rev. Dreyer in 1903 the charge consisted of Greenfield, Henrytown and Fremont congregations. The territory embraced was the original Greenfield congregation. It had been divided in this manner because of the distance to the old church. Rev. Dreyer served the church tirelessly and faithfully for 16 years, resigning to accept a call to Clermont, Iowa. Later he returned to his native Bergen, Norway, where he engaged in foreign mission work, with an office in Bergen. He died in 1939. His foster daughter Signe, wife of Rev. Oscar Lyngstad, lives in Bergen.

A call was now issued to Rev. Gerhard Rasmussen, pastor of Bethlehem congregation, Minneapolis. He accepted the call and was installed by the former pastor January 4, 1904. With the coming of a new pastor we were without a parsonage, Rev. Dreyer having sold his house. Immediately plans were made to build. Three lots were purchased and a large commodious two-story house was built in 1905. This has served as a parsonage for all pastors to date. These were still the horse and buggy days and Rev. Rasmussen was our first pastor to have an automobile.

A corporation had been formed in Harmony, by members of the congregation and others, called the Lutheran Auxiliary Association. Tollef Sanderson, Sr. had donated a lot and they proceeded to build a chapel which was to be used for Sunday School, parochial school, public services and social gatherings. The old brick church was showing signs of age. The walls were tied together with heavy cables, from side to side. It was apparent that a new church would soon have to be built. But the question was—where? Some wanted it built on the old site, others in the village of Harmony. In 1912 it was voted to build in the village and work was commenced in June of that year. The chapel was donated to the congregation and on this site the new church was built. The chapel was sold and remodeled for a dwelling.

The building committee for the new church consisted of five members, namely: Tollef Sander-

son, Sr., John A. Lund, Ole O. Fosse, Tosten Applen and Ole Scrabeck. John Lund resigned and H. E. Hanson was appointed to replace him. Lund agreed, however, to act as consultant. The cornerstone was dedicated September 29, 1912 with appropriate ceremonies by Rev. Gerhard Rasmussen assisted by Rev. H. O. Fjelstad of Goodhue County. Because of extremely cold weather and difficulty in getting material, the dedication of the new church was delayed until Sunday, September 21, 1913. The sermon was given by Rev. T. H. Dahl, Pres. of United Lutheran Church of America. Prof. Westwig from the Seminary at St. Anthony Park, St. Paul, Rev. N. A. Giere and neighboring pastors brought brief messages.

The following books and periodicals were placed in the cornerstone: The Bible, Konkordiebogen (Book of Concord), Luther's Small Catechism, Pontoppidan's Explanation, Hymn Book, the Church Constitution, Lutheraner, The Children's Companion, Kirketidende, Budbaereren, The Harmony News and historical events.

The church is of Gothic architecture and adorned with two well proportioned steeples, the highest capped with a gold cross, reaching one hundred feet above the ground. It is built of pressed brick and the arches and trimmings being cut Bedford stone. It has a full basement with Sunday School rooms and a well equipped kitchen.

Besides the regular subscriptions of money many donations have been made. The Ladies Aid gave the large window on the north, depicting "The Ascension;" Mr. and Mrs. John Jacobson Einong, the large window on the south "Easter Morn;" the Wilton Center Young Ladies Society the large window in front "Christ in Gethsemane."

The Harmony Young Ladies' Society gave the pipe organ, costing about \$2000. Ole Fosse, Ole Scrabeck, Nels Nelson Ingulfsland and Tosten Applen each gave one of the double windows. These are all of colored glass and rich in design. Torkel Traim (Wilson) gave the cornerstone; the Sunday School the baptismal font; Mrs. Maline Larson a pair of brass candle sticks for the altar; T. A. Sorenson scrolls on all the pews and leather upholstered chairs and settee for sacristy. Rev. and Mrs. Gerhard Rasmussen gave the silver communion set; Stina Sanderson (Peterson) hardanger altar cloth; Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Thundale the altar painting, representing Christ as the Good Shepherd, painted by the well-known artist, Herbjorn Gausta. M. T. Brufodt gave the lectern. The Ladies Aid also furnished carpets, several chairs and appointments for the altar and pulpit. Three members of the congregation donated the gold cross on the steeple. Mrs. P. M. Oistad gave the electric cross on the altar and Mrs. John A. Johnson, a pair of matching candelabra. Besides these, many donated work, without which the total cost of the building would have been much greater.

When the old church was removed in 1919, it was found necessary to buy more land for a cemetery and it was voted to use the old church site for this purpose. In 1917 the congregation had established a cemetery fund the interest of which should be used solely for its upkeep.

In 1921 a memorial was erected in memory of the founders of Greenfield congregation and dedicated by Rev. Rasmussen May 29, 1924.

It is made of St. Cloud granite, four feet wide, seven feet high and two feet thick with a bronze tablet sunk into the granite block.

On this site stood the first church of the Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of Greenfield, Fillmore County, Minnesota.

The bronze tablet was purchased from the Flour City Ornamental Iron Company of Minneapolis for \$405. Size of tablet, thirty-one and one-half inches by fifty-nine inches. The foundation for the memorial and the monument of St. Cloud granite was furnished by the La Crosse Monument Company of La Crosse, Wisconsin, for the sum of \$800.70. It was placed on the old church site on the spot where the altar in the old church stood.

In 1921 the new cemetery had been platted and lots laid out and numbered. In 1922 ornamental fences were built around both cemeteries, at a cost of \$1738.25.

In 1922 individual communion cups were provided. Also in 1922 a committee was elected to

draw up a new constitution in the English language and to make such changes as seemed necessary and expedient. The new constitution was adopted January 7, 1925 and inserted in the minutes.

Rev. Rasmussen resigned January 5, 1927, effective August 1, 1927. He served the congregation faithfully for nearly twenty-four years. Mrs. Rasmussen was organist and choir director for many years. The family moved to Northfield where he conducted "Vespers" each Sunday afternoon over station WCAL, St. Olaf College, until his health failed. He passed away June 4, 1943 and was buried in Northfield. His wife died one week later. The foster daughter, Otelia, still lives in the home in Northfield. There was an unusual coincidence in the fact that our first three pastors were childless, but each had one foster daughter.

Upon the resignation of Rev. Gerhard Rasmussen a letter of call was sent to Rev. O. C. Brenna at Adams, Minnesota. The call was accepted and he preached his first sermon December 4, 1927. Pastor Brenna was born at Brenner near Cottonwood, Minnesota, and was a graduate of Luther Theological Seminary, St. Paul. Previous to his pastorate in Harmony, he was stationed at Lemmon, S. Dakota, Northwood, Iowa and Adams, Minnesota.

During this period there were many new members added and the church experienced a continuous growth. In 1940, six crystal microphone hearing aides were installed. This was a very important and practical improvement. In 1948, electric organ chimes were purchased. These Maas chimes were installed at a cost of \$1900, and were connected so as to be played also from the tower.

February 26, 1950, organist Mrs. Carl Pederson and choir director Truman Quammen were honored by the congregation having served continuously for twenty-five years in their respective positions. They were presented with sterling silver sandwich trays, suitably inscribed. Rev. Brenna served his congregation faithfully for twenty-four years. Upon his resignation, effective January 1, 1952, he moved to St. Louis Park, Minneapolis and has since served as interim pastor where congregations were temporarily without one. He now lives in Rochester, Minnesota. Up to this time Greenfield congregation had had only four resident pastors in its eighty-seven years of history, 1856 to 1952.

At morning services March 4, 1956, a pair of brass vases, matching the other altar appointments were dedicated. They were given in loving memory of Ruth Brenna Hagen by relatives and friends.

A call was now issued to Candidate Marcus I. Gravdal who served the congregation from January 1, 1952 while completing his studies at Luther Theological Seminary, St. Paul. He was graduated May 18, and was ordained May 25 in Trinity Lutheran Church, Choteau, Montana, his home town, by Right Rev. L. N. Field, D.D., of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. Liturgist was The Rev. A. B. Gravdal, brother of the ordained. Six clergymen of the circuit assisted in the service. During his pastorate, released-time from public school for religious instruction was instituted and has been kept up since.

In 1952 the congregation voted to empower the cemetery board to incorporate under the laws of Minnesota, as the Greenfield Lutheran Cemetery.

In 1953 deaconesses were appointed for the first time. They were Mrs. J. M. Rostvold, Mrs. Ida S. Johnson, Mrs. Charles Dahling, Mrs. J. T. Harstad and Miss Theresa Gregorson. During Pastor Gravdal's pastorate it was found necessary to have two Sunday morning services, at 8:30 and 9:45, and two Sunday school sessions at 10:00 and 11:00. An enthusiastic Men's Brotherhood was also started.

Early in 1954 Pastor Gravdal received a call from Grace Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, Wis. to act as assistant pastor. He accepted it effective March 1, 1954. He was a faithful and tireless worker. In 1955 he became senior pastor, which position he now holds.

Rev. Joseph E. Lee served as interim pastor from March 1, 1954 to September 12, 1954. He came from Boscobel, Wisconsin, where he had been serving a parish consisting of Richland Lutheran Church of Blue River and Trinity Church of Boscobel. He was a graduate of St. Olaf College and Luther Seminary, St. Paul. He moved to Madison, Wisconsin.

The congregation then contacted Rev. Knut Monson, a returned missionary from Madagascar and he began serving the congregation as an interim pastor, preaching his first sermon September 15, 1954. Pastor Monson was born at Gardner, Illinois, was graduated from St. Olaf College 1916, was graduated from Luther Seminary 1919 and was ordained at Stoughton, Wisconsin July 1919 by Dr. H. G. Stub. Pastor Monson went to Madagascar November 1919 and served there until February 1953, a period of thirty-four years. His missionary term ended September 1954. He was called to be assistant in the Harmony parish March 1, 1955 which he is still serving.

Rev. Walter G. Johnson was then called to be the senior pastor with Rev. Monson as the assistant pastor. Rev. Johnson is a native of Mt. Sterling, Wisconsin. He was graduated from Luther College at Decorah, Iowa, and from the Luther Theological Seminary at St. Paul, Minnesota. Before coming to Harmony he had served as youth pastor at First Lutheran Church at Sioux Falls, So. Dakota. For a short time he worked with the emotionally disturbed children at Beloit Lutheran Children's Home in Ames, Iowa. In 1952 he moved to Gilbert, Iowa, where he became the first resident pastor of a recently reorganized parish. Pastor Johnson was installed in the Harmony Church on February 13, 1955.

The church has had a steady growth and as of January 1, 1956 the membership numbered 1025. Acolytes were instituted for the first time. There are four well-trained choirs: Childrens', Youth, High School and Senior. There are also very active Junior and Senior Luther Leagues.

Two sons of the congregation are pastors in the ELC. The Rev. John Rockne, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mikkel Rockne was ordained June 1915, during the annual convention of the Forenede Norsk Lutherske Kirke, by Pres. T. H. Dahl. He now serves a parish at Garvin, Minnesota. Another son, the Rev. Harry Gregorson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gregorson was ordained June 9, 1929 by Rev. Alfred Johnson of Spring Grove in the Greenfield Church. He served the Eastside Lutheran of Sioux Falls, S. Dakota for many years. During this pastorate he began the broadcasting of "Lutheran Vespers". Now under the division of Evangelism he broadcasts over twelve stations, one in Ecuador, and gives full time to his work.

One daughter of the congregation, Miss Otelia Haugerud, R.N. was commissioned as a missionary January 9, 1955 by Rev. ~~Lester Carlson~~ *Knut Monson* at the Greenfield Church. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Haugerud. Her work is with the Navajo Indians at Rock Point via Chinle, Arizona, and is presently studying that difficult language, the Navajo. *Rev. Lester Carlson*

preached the sermon.
One of our former members, Chester Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig Johnson of Pine City, Minnesota, is attending Luther Theological Seminary, St. Paul, and God willing will be ordained from our church and become another pastor that our congregation is sending out to further the work of God's Kingdom.

In 1922 Miss Amelia Rockne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mikkel Rockne went to the "Home for the Aged" at Coeur d' Alene, Idaho, to act as matron. She held the position for more than thirty years and is now a resident at the home.

Miss Helen Strand, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Strand, a University of Minnesota graduate is a teacher in elementary education at Luther College, also served as Dean of Women. Miss Strand is at present on leave of absence to finish her thesis for Ph.D. degree, which she will acquire this summer.

Miss Edna Hanson, a St. Olaf College graduate, has been Superintendent of Trabert Hall for over twenty-five years. It was founded by Rev. Trabert, a German Lutheran pastor, to provide a home for working girls in the city where they would be under Christian influence. It is now called "Girls Residence Club," where both room and board are furnished.

We rejoice that the Rev. Abner Haugen of Zumbro Lutheran, Rochester, Minnesota, and Prof. Arthur Strand, who has taught many years at Waldorf College, Forest City, Iowa, were former members of our congregation.

Miss Otelia Rasmussen, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Gerhard Rasmussen was for many years an assistant to the librarian at St. Olaf College.

Gloria Engle, daughter of Mrs. Alyc  Engle, a last year's Harmony High School graduate, is this year studying at the Lutheran Bible Institute.

Many of our sons and daughters have gone out into the world and made a success of life, and we are justly proud of them, but because of the nature of our history we must necessarily confine ourselves to those whose work has been church or inter-church related. May their good works follow them, to the glory of God.

Another son of the congregation is the noted artist Herbjorn N. Gausta. He was born June 16, 1854 in Tinn, Norway, and came to Harmony at the age of thirteen years, and lived here until 1872 when he entered Luther College. On account of his unusual talent in art, he was urged to study elsewhere, which he did. From 1872 to 1882 he studied in Munich, Germany and Christiania, Norway, when he returned to America. In 1887 he taught art at Luther College. He again returned to Europe and studied in Italy and Germany, returning to this country in 1889.

Mr. Gausta settled in Minneapolis, where he set up a studio and continued to reside there until the time of his death, May 30, 1924. He was buried in Greenfield Cemetery, Harmony. There are more than forty-six of Gausta's paintings in the library at Luther College and altar paintings are found throughout the entire northwest. Many of his paintings were of scenes around Harmony and he also did portrait paintings of local residents. During his later years he spent his summers with relatives in this community. May 18, 1927 the "Telemarking's of America" dedicated a monument to him, at their "Telelag" meeting. This was donated by them to honor their beloved member. Pres. Rev. J. O. Saeter and historian Torkel Oftelie made the dedicatory speeches.

At the time this history was written there were five women still living who were confirmed by Rev. Tobias Larson, who are ninety years and older.

1. Mrs. Mary Dahlen (Boen). Born December 20, 1860—ninety-five years. Confirmed June 27, 1875.
2. Mrs. Martha Nelson—adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sten Sanderson was one hundred years old May 6, 1956. She lives at Henning, Minnesota. Confirmed June 9, 1872.
3. Mrs. Ellen Knutson (Solsoth). Born January 24, 1862—ninety-four years. Confirmed July 1, 1877.
4. Mrs. Margit Serabeck (Applen). Born August 10, 1862—ninety-three years. Confirmed June 23, 1878.
5. Mrs. Anne Sanden (Boen). Born October 17, 1865—ninety years. Confirmed July 4, 1880.

This is the history of the Greenfield Lutheran Church and settlement, since the first settlers arrived one hundred years ago. A kind Providence has protected us in the past and may His benediction go with us in the future and with the generations that follow us. To Him alone be all glory and praise, now and forever.

*Lord of our life, and God of our salvation,
Star of our night and hope of every nation.
Hear and receive Thy church's supplication,
Lord God Almighty.*

*Grant us Thy help till foes are backward driven,
Grant them the truth, that they may be forgiven;
Grant peace on earth and after we have striven
Peace in Thy Heaven.*

Ida S. Johnson — Historian
(Mrs. S. B. Johnson)

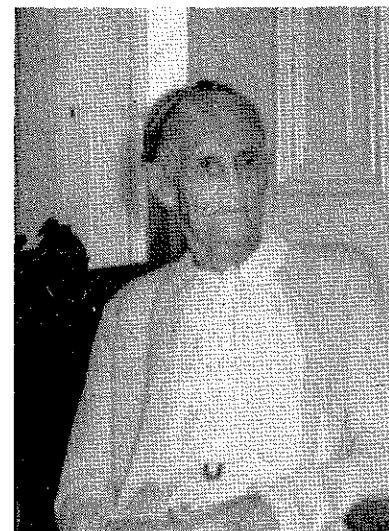


Mrs. Maggie Scrabeck
Born August 10, 1862
Confirmed June 23, 1878
Ninety-Three Years Old

The Five Oldest Living Confirmands



Mrs. Martha Nelson
Born May 6, 1856
Confirmed June 9, 1872
One-Hundred Years Old



Mrs. Ellen Knutson
Born June 24, 1862
Confirmed July 1, 1877
Ninety-Four Years Old



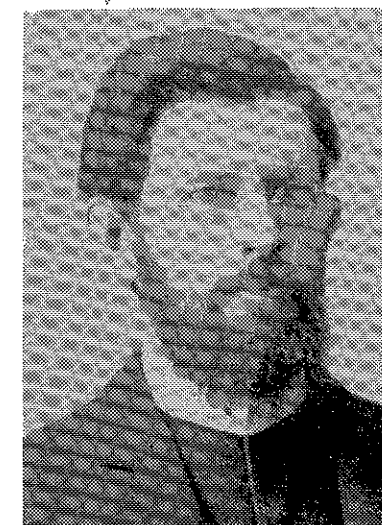
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Ninety-Five Years Old



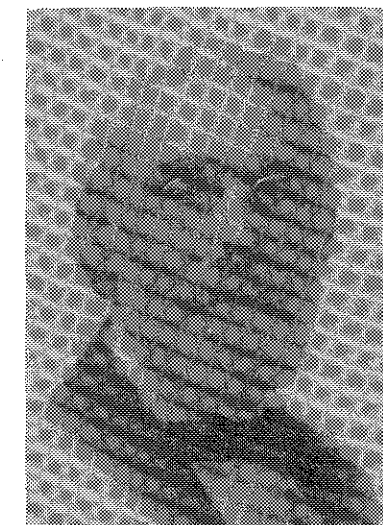
Mrs. Annie Sanden
Born October 17, 1865
Confirmed July 4, 1880
Ninety Years Old



Pastor Tobias Larson
1830 — 1903
Served from 1865 — 1887



Pastor Peder Dreyer
1860 — 1939
Served from 1887 — 1903

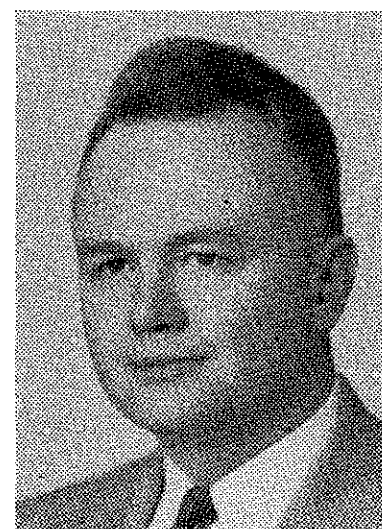


Pastor Gerhard Rasmussen
1857 — 1943
Served from 1904 — 1927

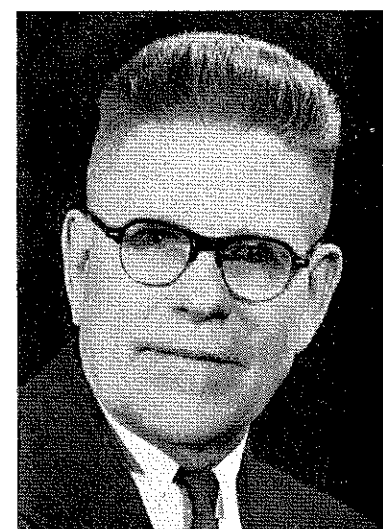
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Four pastors following, 7 yrs.*



Pastor O. C. Brenna
Served from 1927 — 1951



Pastor Marcus Gravdal
Served from 1952 — 1954

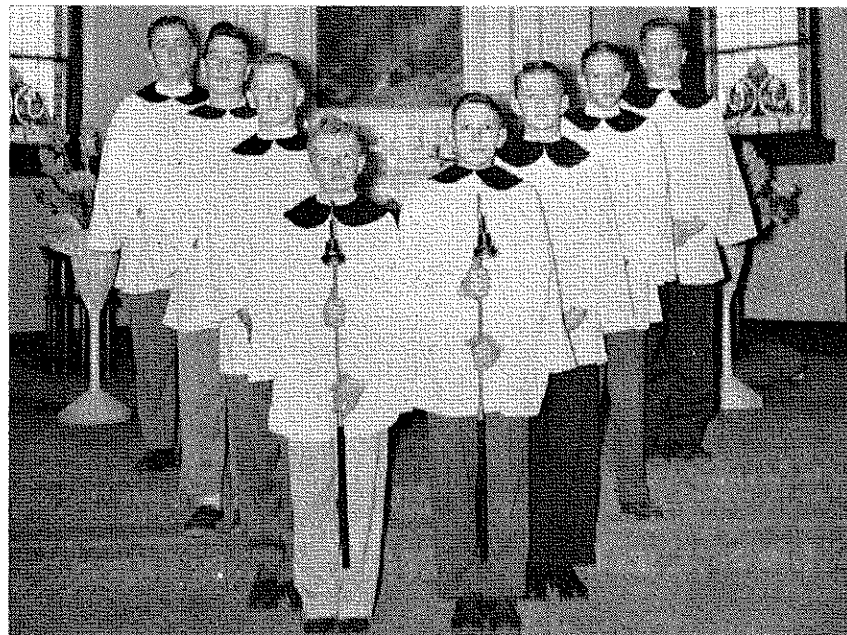


Pastor Joseph Lee
Mar. 1, 1954 — Sept. 12, 1954



CHURCH COUNCIL

Eldon Hoiness, Norman Coyle, Tallak Haugerud, Roger Sikkink, Margaret Scra-
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Burmeister, Alvin Kichne, Pastor Walter Johnson.



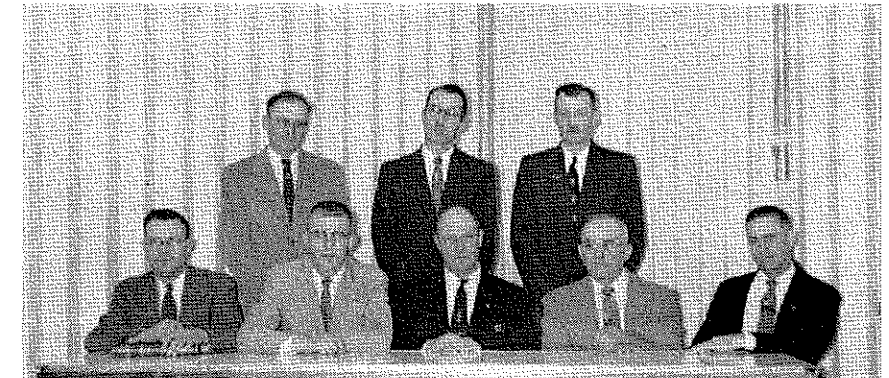
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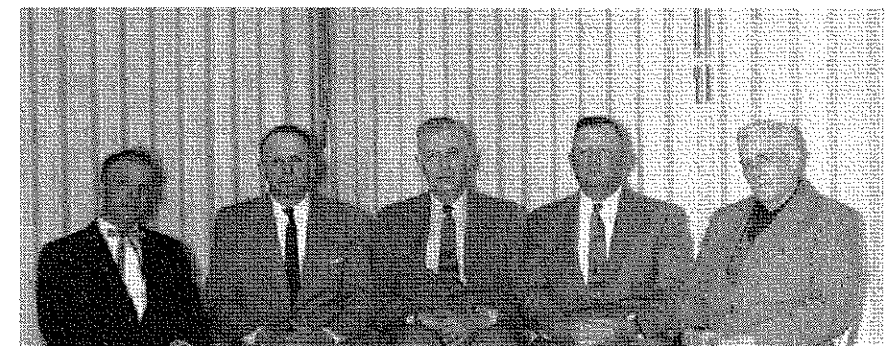
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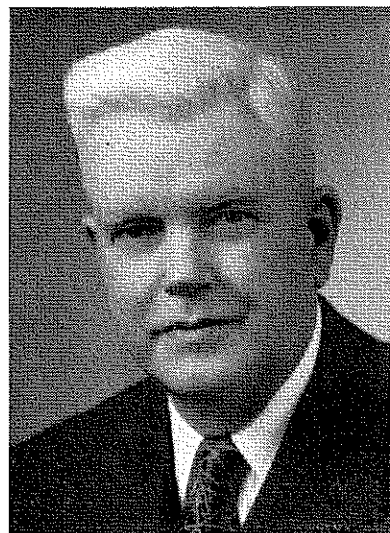
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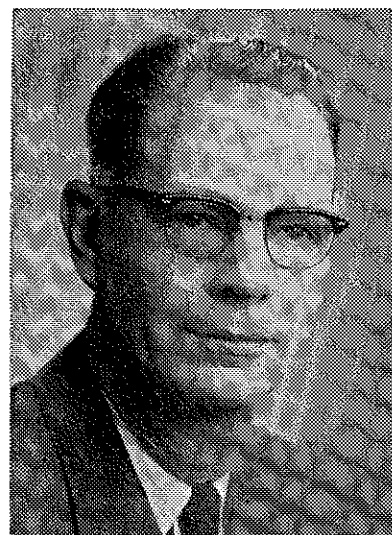


DEACONS

Left to right: Alvin Kichne, Vernon Burmeister, Harold Johnson, Henry Pederson,
Wm. Peterson.



Pastor John Roekne



Pastor Harry Gregerson

Sons and Daughter of the Congregation



Miss Otelia Haugerud
Missionary to Navajo Indians
Rock Point, Arizona

Of the eighty-six men, who were charter members of the Greenfield Congregation, and whose names are inscribed on the Memorial Monument, the committee has been able to secure only fifty-six pictures.

FOUNDED IN 1856

INCORPORATED IN 1866

CHARTER MEMBERS

Rev. Tobias Larsen

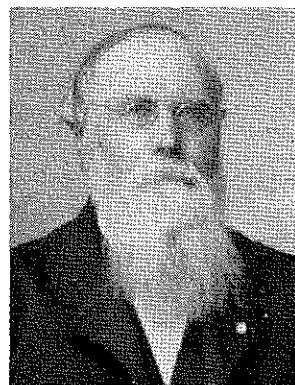
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Svend Ericksen Solseth
Kittil A. Harstad
Gregar H. Boen
Nils K. Nilson Gaasedalen
Tosten Gregarson Boen
Herbjorn Olsen Vaa
Anders J. Boxrud
Hans S. Johnson Bergan
John Johnson Krosso
Nils Johnson Boxrud
Gunnuf J. Bruflodt
E. G. Johnson
Osten Gullick Maland
Gunnuf Johnson Qvile
John Johnson Kasen, Sr.
Johannes Olsen Thoe
Arne E. Kirkelie
Herman Knutson Hemmestvedt
Kittil Alfson Veseth
Even O. Wilsen Nacshaug
Ole J. Morem Maarem

Torkel Wilsen Traim
Kittil Fjostuft
Torger Tollefsen Felland
Oston H. Nilson Ingulfsland
Johannes Jensen Ouren
Christian Olson
Asle Olsen Flatestol
Aanun Torgerson Omie
Tallak Larsen
Andreas P. Helgeland
John Sevalsen Losen
Tollef A. Harstad
Ole Kittelsen
Arne Arnesen
Herbjorn Nilson Ingulfsland
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Arne A. Aaberg
Ole Olsen Serabeck
Tallak Brokken
Eric Ericksen Solseth, Jr.
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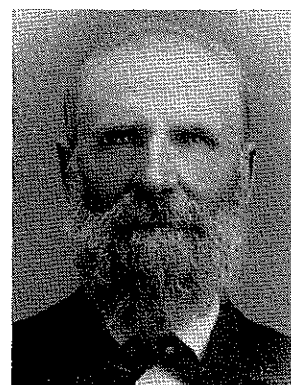
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Thor E. Kirkelie
Ole Pederson
Paul Knudson
Jorgen Kittlesen Bjorge
Peter Mathisen Rakkestad
Nils H. Gausta
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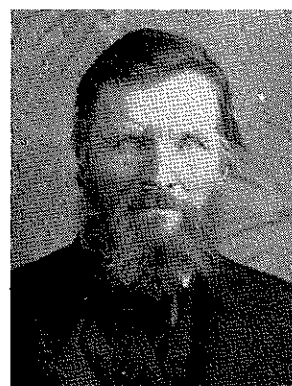
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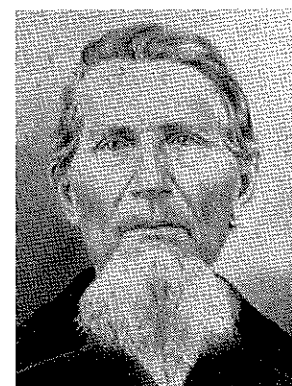
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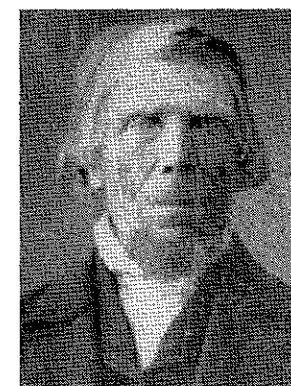
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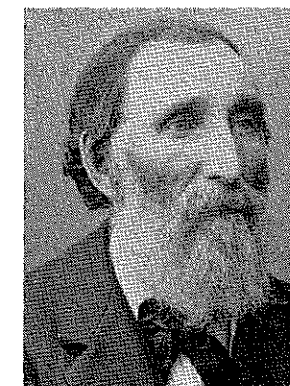
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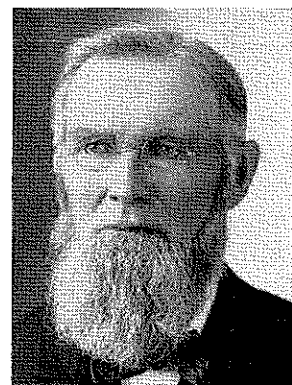
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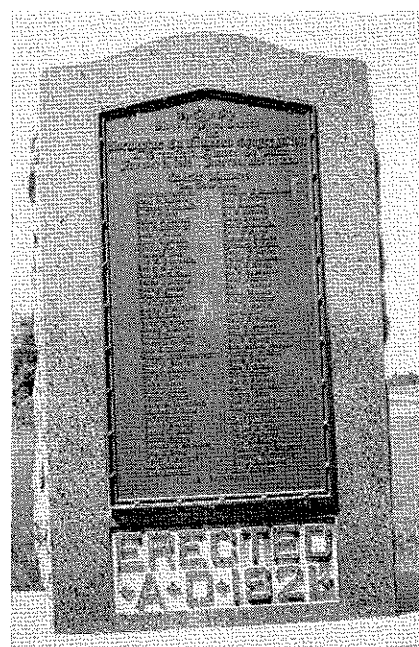
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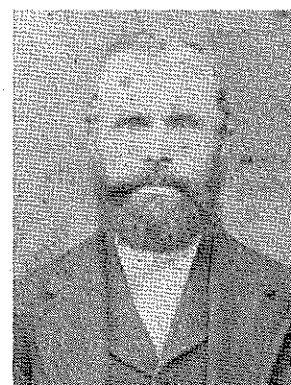
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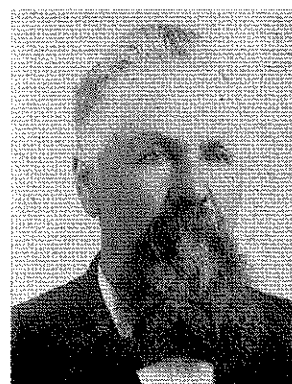
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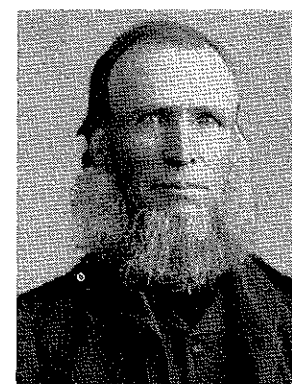
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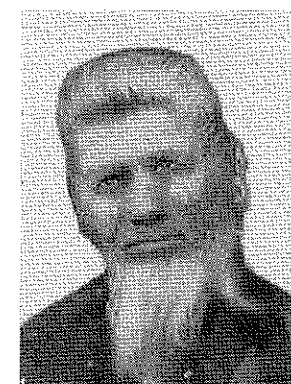
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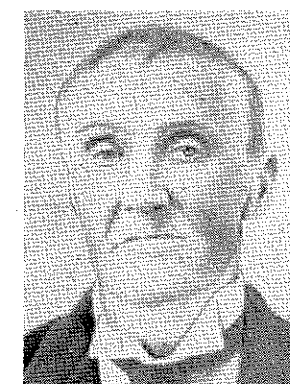
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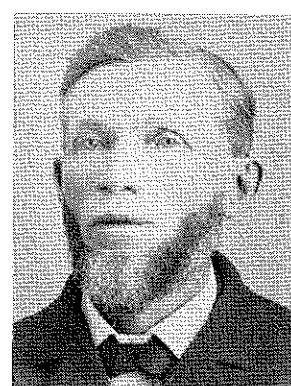
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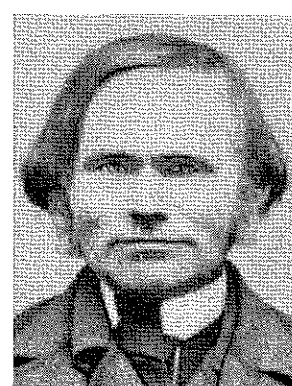
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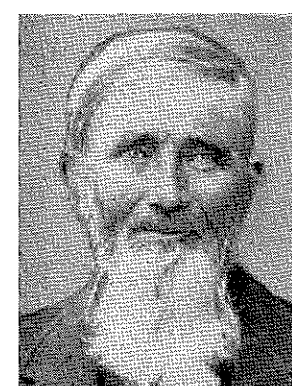
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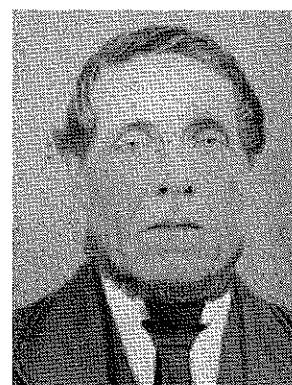
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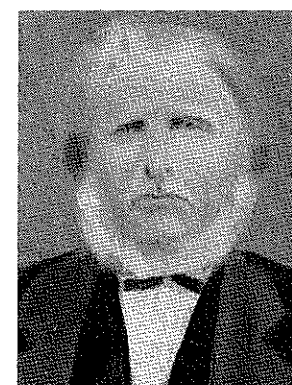
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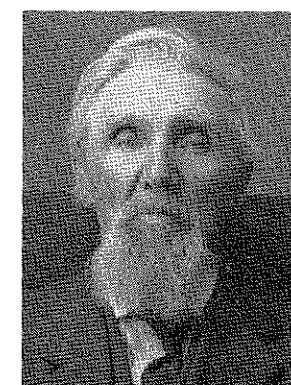
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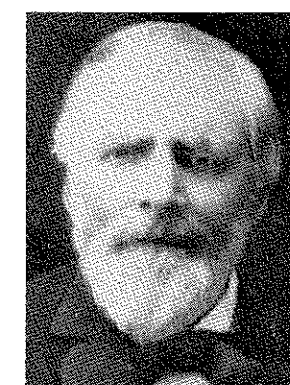
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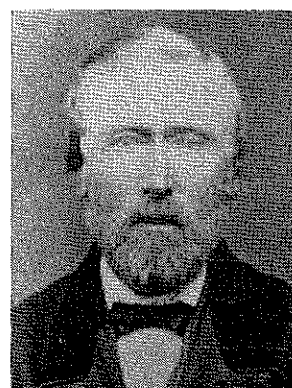
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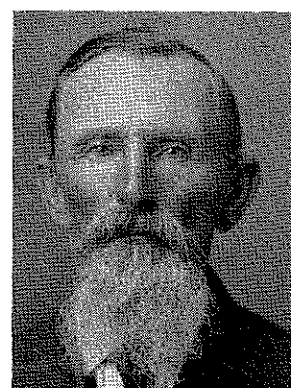
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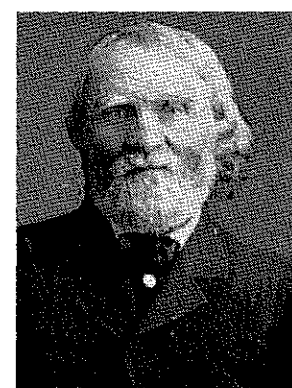
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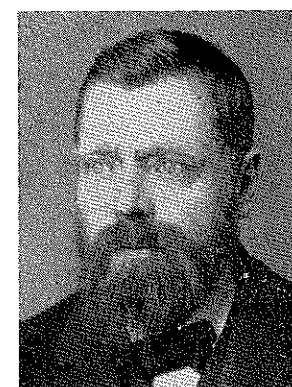
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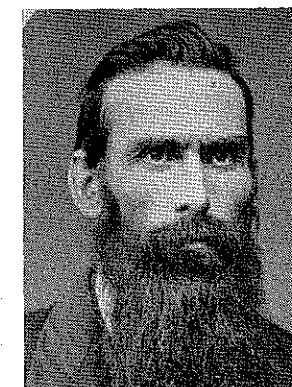
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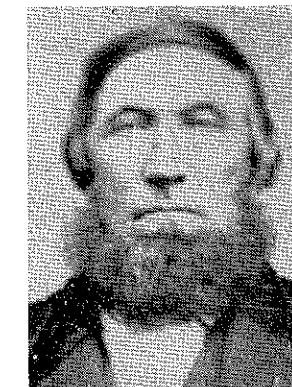
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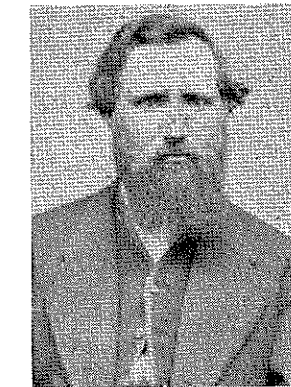
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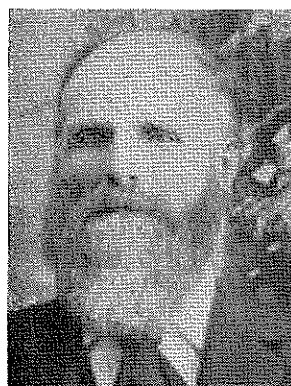
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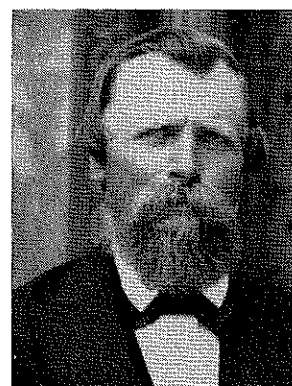
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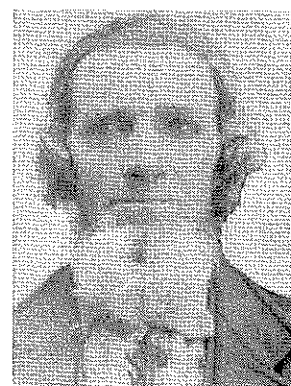
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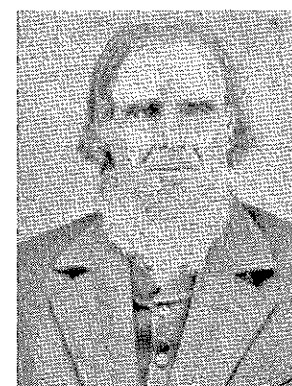
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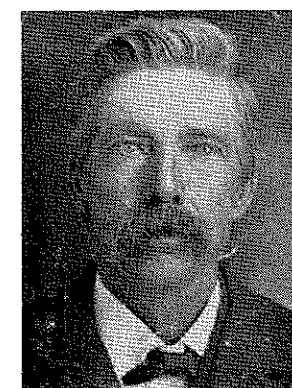
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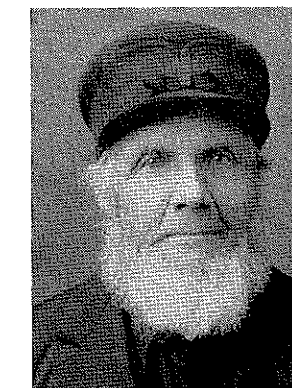
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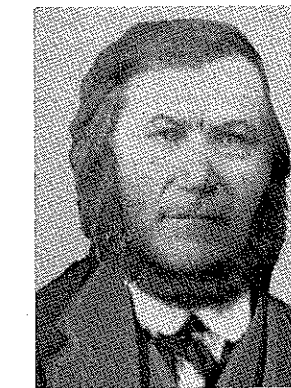
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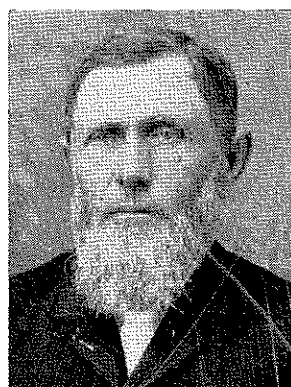
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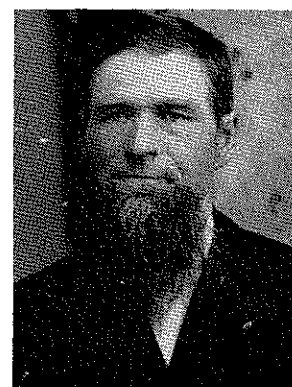
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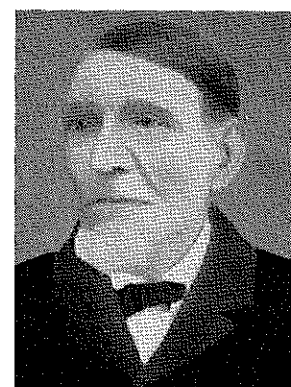
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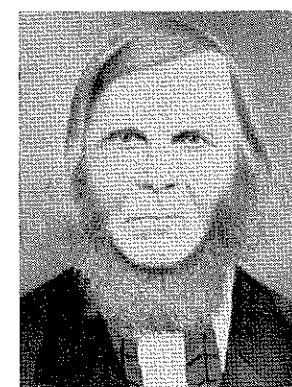
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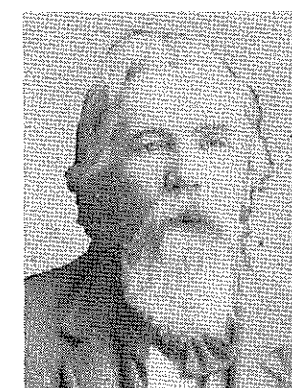
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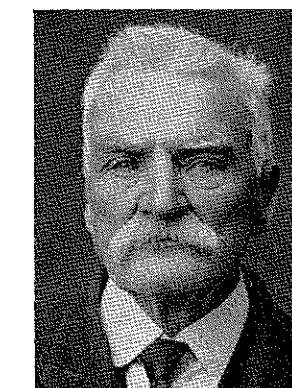
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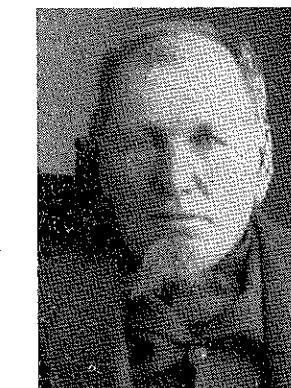
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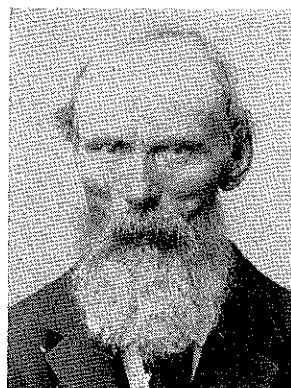
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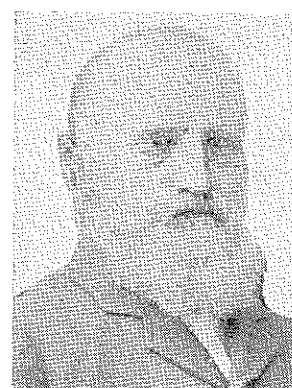
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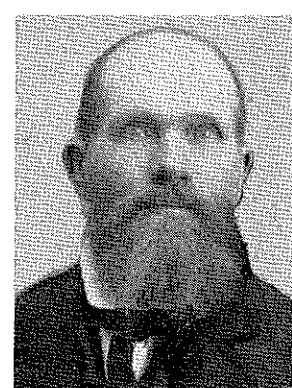
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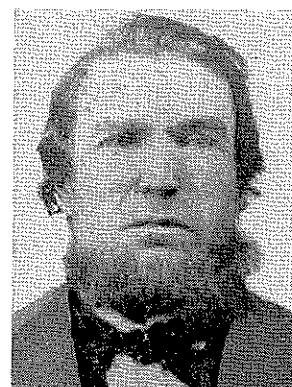
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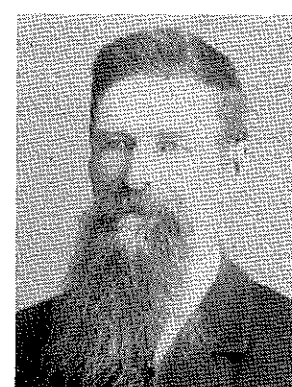
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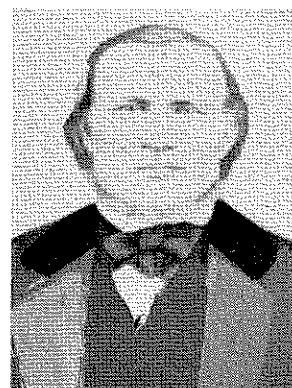
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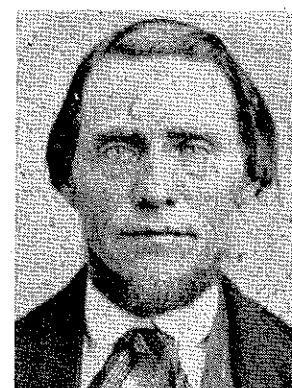
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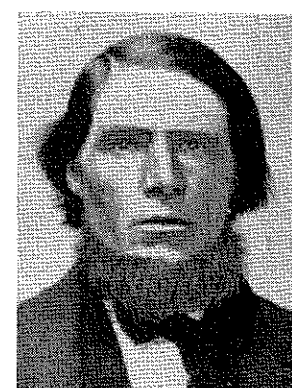
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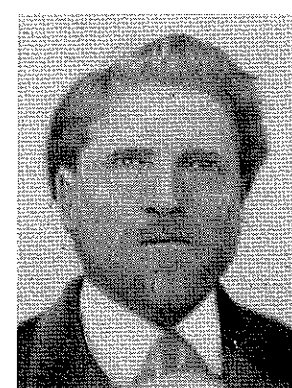
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Herbjorn Gregarson
Boen
1831 — 1881



Herman Knutson
Hemmestvedt
1816 — 1876



Nils Nilson
Gaasodalen
1835 — 1889



Dedication of Monument in Memory of the Charter Members of Greenfield Congregation, May 29, 1924.



THE FIRST PARSONAGE



LUTHERAN CHAPEL Harmony, Minnesota



GREENFIELD LUTHERAN CHURCH



HERBJORN GAUSTA



DEDICATION OF GAUSTA MONUMENT AT GREENFIELD CEMETERY



HARMONY LADIES' AID AT REV. DREYER'S—approximately 1898

Back row: Mmes. N. N. Helle, Nels Stenshoel, Chas. Anderson, Nels Hegg, T. A. Sorenson, P. T. Larson, Aslak Moen, Hans Bergan, Andrew Helland, John Jacobson, H. E. Hanson, Tollef Sanderson, John Lund, Miss Julia Forberg, Mrs. Owen Harstad, Rev. P. Dreyer, Mmes. Josephine Johnson, Even Gillund, Andrew Dahlen.

Second row: Mmes. Aasne Nelson, Malina Larson, Sigbjorn Dahl.

Front row: Mary Holman, Mmes. Arne Kirkelle, Torbjor Larson, Arne Oberg, Mrs. Peder Dreyer and Signe, O. N. Thundale and Emma, Ole Quammen, Even Mickelson. Children: Lily Stenshoel and two Helland boys.

GREENFIELD LUTHERAN CHURCH CENTENNIAL

1856 - 1956

JUNE 15 - 16 - 17, 1956

FRIDAY 8:00 P. M.

ORGANIST Mrs. Carl Pederson
PIANIST Miss Ann Seem
PRELUDE "Processional March" Martin
WELCOME The Rev. Walter G. Johnson
HYMN No. 44

To Thee, O God, we raise Our voice, in choral singing;
We come, with prayer and praise, Our hearts' obligations bringing;
Thou art our father's God, And ever shalt be ours:
Our lips and lives shall laud Thy name, with all our powers.

Thy goodness, like the dew On Hermon's hill descending,
Is every morning new, And tells of love unending.
We bless Thy tender care That led our wayward feet,
Past every fatal snare, To streams and pastures sweet.

We bless Thy Son, who bore The cross, for sinners dying;
Thy Spirit we adore, The precious blood applying.
Let work and worship send Their incense unto Thee,
Till song and service blend, Beside the crystal sea.

ANTHEMS: "Come Thou Almighty King" DeGiardini
"Beautiful Savior" Christiansen
Junior Choir, Mr. Eldon Hoiness, Director

GREETING The Rev. Abner Haugen
Rochester, Minnesota

ANTHEMS: "Glory to God in the Highest"
"Come Unto Me"
High School Choir, Mr. Gordon Peterson, Director

GREETING The Rev. Marcus Gravdal
Eau Claire, Wisconsin

HYMN No. 12
Praise the Lord, ye heavens, adore Him. Praise the Lord, for He is glorious;
Praise Him, angels, in the height; Never shall His promise fail;
Sun and moon, rejoice before Him; God hath made His saints victorious;
Praise Him, all ye stars of light. Sin and death shall not prevail.
Praise the Lord, for He hath spoken; Praise the God of our salvation;
Worlds His mighty voice obeyed; Hosts on high, His power proclaim;
Laws which never shall be broken, Heaven and earth, and all creation,
For their guidance He hath made. Laud and magnify His name.

GREETING The Rev. Lyle Englebret
Lawler, Iowa

INTRODUCTION OF DISTRICT PRESIDENT The Rev. Knut Monson

ADDRESS Dr. E. C. Reinertson
Northfield, Minnesota. Southern Minnesota District President, Evangelical Lutheran Church

ANTHEMS: "Holy, Holy, Holy" Schubert
"He Lives" Trued
"Built on a Rock" Christiansen
"Hallelujah Chorus" Handel
Senior Choir, Mr. Truman Quammen, Director

RECESSIONAL "Coronation March"
Organist, Mrs. Carl Pederson; Pianist, Miss Anna Seem

The congregation will please rise for the Hallelujah Chorus and remain standing for the choir recessional.

A fellowship hour and lunch, served by the Ladies Aid, will be held immediately following the concert.

SATURDAY 2:00 P. M.
LADIES AID REUNION

PRESIDENT Mrs. Walter Matson
SPEAKER Miss Otelia Haugerud
Missionary to Navajo Indians, Chinle, Arizona
LUNCH SERVED BY LADIES AID

SATURDAY 8:00 P. M.
CENTENNIAL PAGEANT

CREDITS
Music Luren, Decorah, Iowa
"A mighty fortress"
"Aere vaere Gud"
"Onward Christian Soldiers"
"Den store vide flokk"
"Bless this house"
"Aften sang"
Director Greenfield Combined Chorus
Mrs. Bergetta Zotalis
Chairman John Hanson
Narrator William Brokken
*Properties Mr. and Mrs. Halvor Dahley
*Costumes Mrs. Emmett Burt
Stage Mr. Henry Pederson
Characters Greenfield Luther League
Audio Art Haugen
Lighting Morem's Electric
Lumber Harmony Lumber Company
Gausta Paintings Norwegian Historical Museum, Decorah, Iowa
Luther College, Decorah, Iowa

*A personal thanks to all persons who have been so kind as to allow us to use clothing or property for this historic pageant.

SUNDAY
FESTIVAL WORSHIP 8:30 A. M. and 10:00 A. M.

SERMON Dr. Alvin Rogness
President, Luther Theological Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota.
LITURGIST The Rev. Walter G. Johnson
SCRIPTURE READING The Rev. Knut Monson
ORGANIST Mrs. Carl Pederson
CHOIR DIRECTOR Mr. Truman Quammen

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE CALL TO WORSHIP Chimes and Organ
THE PRELUDE "Choral from Suite Gothique" L. Boellman
THE OPENING PRAYER

HYMN No. 5, v. 1, 3, 5
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, Now to His temple draw near,
Join me in glad adoration.
Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
Ponder anew What the Almighty can do
If with His love He befriend thee.
Praise to the Lord. O let all that is in me adore Him.
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen Sound from His people again;
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

THE ALTAR SERVICE

THE CONFESSION OF SIN
THE KYRIE
THE ABSOLUTION
THE GLORIA
*THE COLLECT
THE EPISTLE I Peter 5:6-11
HYMN No. 137
"God's word is our great heritage, And shall be ours forever;
To spread its light from age to age
Shall be our chief endeavor; Through life it guides our way,
In death it is our stay; Lord grant, while worlds endure,
We keep its teachings pure, Throughout all generations.
GOSPEL Luke 15:1-10
THE CONFESSION OF FAITH
THE ANNOUNCEMENTS
THE OFFERING
OFFERTORY "Air from Water Suite Music" G. J. Handel
*HYMN OF THANKS
ANTHEM: "Festival te Deum" Dudley Buck
Greenfield Senior Choir
SERMON
HYMN No. 31
Now thank we all our God, With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, In whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, And still is ours today.
O may this bounteous God, Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts, And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in His grace, And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills, In this world and the next.
All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given,
The son and Him who reigns With them in highest heaven;
The one eternal God, Whom earth and heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore!

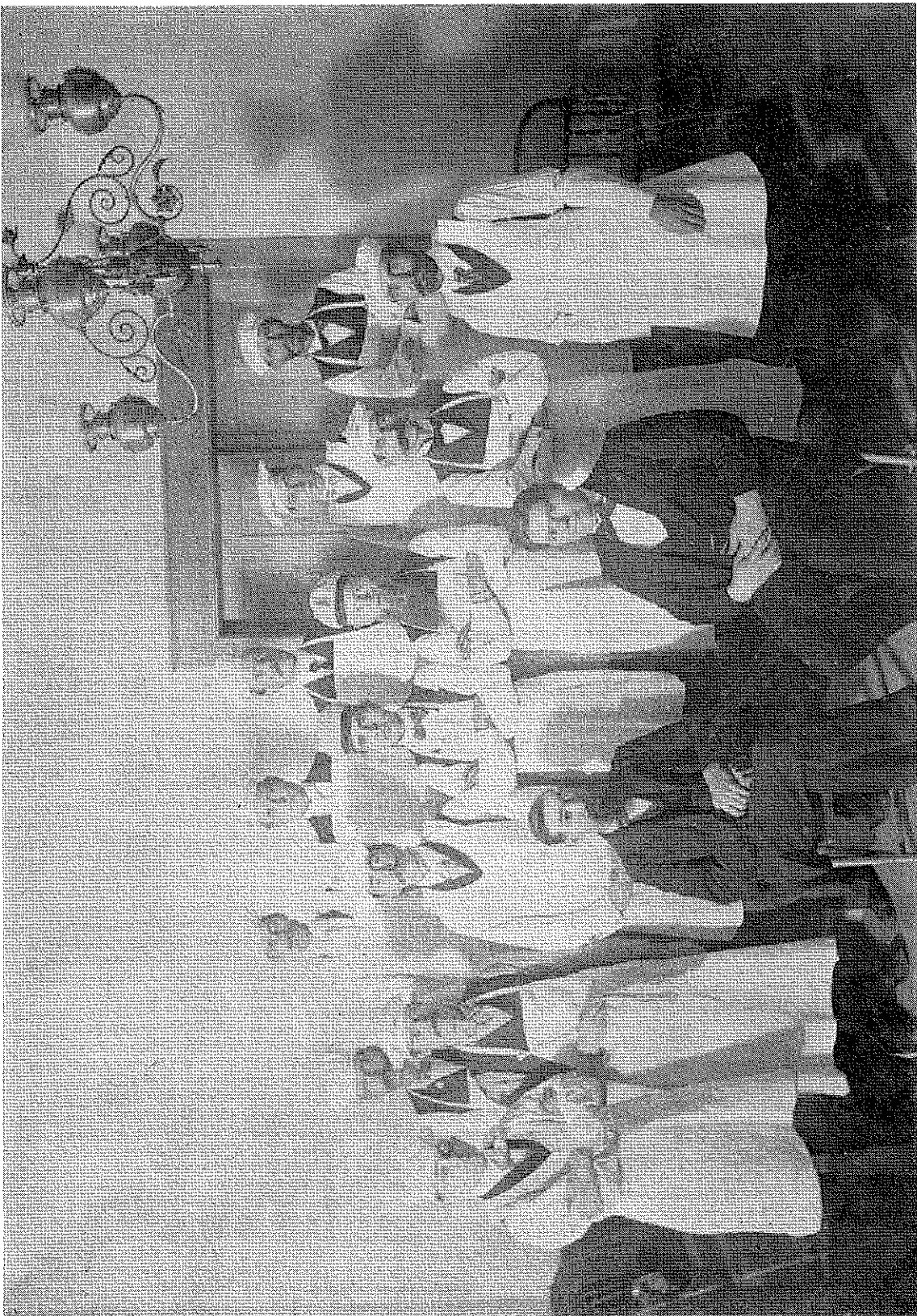
*THE COLLECT FOR THE WORD
THE BENEDICTION
THE CLOSING PRAYER
THE LORD'S PRAYER
SILENT PRAYER
*THE DOXOLOGY
RECESSIONAL "Prelude and Fugue in G Minor" Bach
* Congregation Rises
Dinner served by Greenfield Men's Brotherhood in church parlors

CONFIRMATION REUNION 2:30 P. M.

ORGANIST Mrs. Carl Pederson
PIANIST Miss Anna Seem
PRELUDE "Fairest Lord Jesus" Lorenz
OPENING The Rev. Knut Monson
GREETING The Rev. John Rockne
Garvin, Minnesota
HYMN No. 109
Blessed Savior, who hast taught me, I should live to Thee alone;
All these years Thy hand hath brought me, Since I first was made Thine own.
At the font my vows were spoken By my parents in the Lord,
That my vows shall be unbroken, At the altar I record.

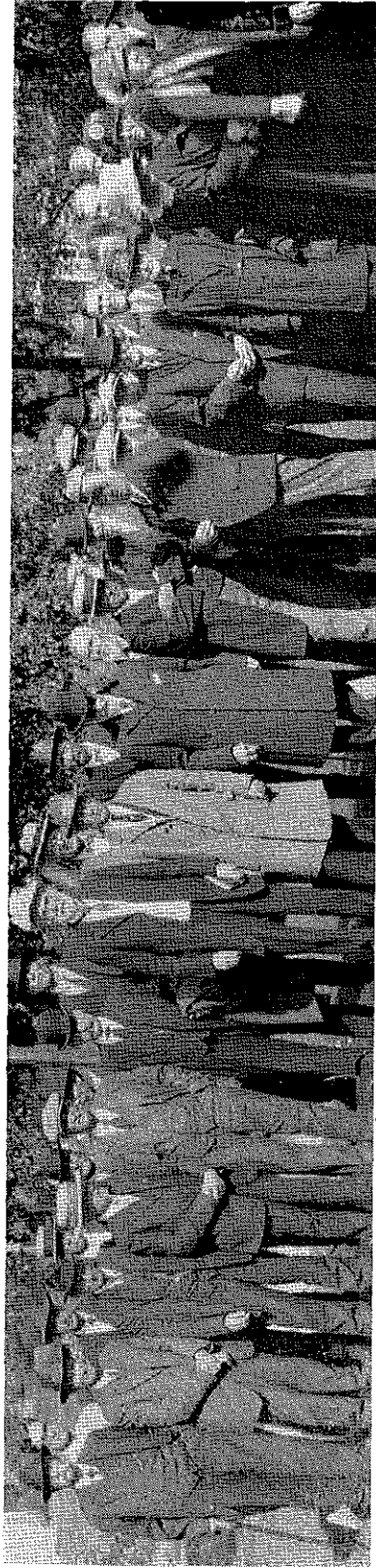
I would trust in Thy protecting, Wholly rest upon Thine arm;
Follow wholly Thy directing, O my only guard from harm!
Meet me now with Thy salvation, In the Church's ordered way;
Let me feel Thy confirmation In Thy truth and fear today:

So that, might and firmness gaining, Hope in danger, joy in grief,
Now and evermore remaining Steadfast in the true belief;
Resting in my Savior's merit, Strengthened, with the Spirit's strength
With Thy Church I may inherit All my Father's joy at length.
GREETING Dr. Laurence Brynstad
Fillmore Circuit President, Winona, Minnesota.
ANTHEMS: "Away in a Manger" Greenfield Children's Choir
"Anywhere With Jesus"
"In our Work, In our Play"
Mrs. Harold Ause, Director
GREETING The Rev. Joseph Lee
Madison, Wisconsin
ANTHEMS: "Built on a Rock" Male Chorus
Mt. Sterling, Wisconsin
"Now let every tongue adore Thee"
"The Lord is my Light"
GREETING The Rev. Harry Gregerson
ANTHEMS: "Open the gates of the temple" Male Chorus
Mt. Sterling, Wisconsin
"That beautiful land"
"Vor Gud Han er saa fast en Borg"
GREETING The Rev. O. C. Brenna
Rochester, Minnesota
ANTHEMS: "Thank You God" Greenfield Children's Choir
"Praise Him"
"My Prayer"
Mrs. Harold Ause, Director
ACKNOWLEDGMENTS Mr. J. T. Harstad
Centennial Committee, Chairman
HYMN No. 1, v. 1, 5, 10, 13
Thee God we praise, Thy name we bless,
Thee Lord of all we do confess;
The whole creation worships Thee,
The Father of eternity.
The holy Church in every place
Throughout the world exalts Thy praise
And ever doth acknowledge Thee,
Father of boundless majesty.
Among Thy saints let us be found
With glory everlasting crowned;
Thy people save from age to age,
And bless Thy chosen heritage.
Thy mercy, Lord, to us extend,
As on Thy mercy we depend;
Lord, I have put my trust in Thee,
Confounded let me never be.
CLOSING The Rev. Walter G. Johnson
RECESSIONAL "The Heavens are Telling" Haydn
Lunch served by Greenfield Men's Brotherhood
Open house at parsonages



OYSTER SUPPER GIVEN BY MEN IN CHAPEL

Seated left to right: Ole Larson, K. D. Olson.
1st row: Peter Oistad, Ben Halverson, Albert Lodahl, Albert G. Johnson, John Lund, Hans Horsrud, Henry Kasen.
2nd row: Jacob Strand, Peter Iverson, Samuel Johnson, Peter Burtness, Ole Wolstad, Chas. Thompson.



70TH ANNIVERSARY OF GREENFIELD LUTHERAN CHURCH — 1926.



A GROUP OF PRESENT-DAY LADIES' AID MEMBERS

Back row: Mmes. Holstad, Holger, Virak, Jertson, Haugen, Gleisner, Serabeck, Arns, Anderson, Bigalk, Kiehe, Olson, Dahling, Rostvold.
 Middle row: Matson, Christianson, Hanson, Duxbury, Benson, Severson, Pederson, Peterson, Bergan, Klingsheim, Moren, Burmeister, Young, Johnson, Moren, Johnson, Liudahl, Matson, Pederson, Bigalk, Ginapp, Sundby, Jacobson, Rosenthal.
 Front row: Applen, Halverson, Moren, Maland, Miss Anna Nelson, Mmes. Strand, Johnson, Hoiness, Olson, Moren, Wilson, Holger, Johnson, Helgeson, Johnson, Christianson, Feda, Boen, Johnson, Benson, Monson.

GREENFIELD LUTHERAN LADIES' AID

The Ladies Aid was organized in September 1876. The first meeting was held at the parsonage with Mrs. Tobias Larson, Mrs. Tallak Larson, Mrs. Ole Larson, Mrs. Ed Ellis, Miss Ingeborg Larson and Miss Emma Larson present.

The first meetings were held in the various homes, with either the Pastor or Mrs. Larson having charge of devotions and the business meeting. The women worked hard making men's shirts, socks, children's clothing, stockings, mittens, etc., which were sold at the Greenfield, Wilton Center and Eliota stores.

There were no written records until 1892, when Rev. Peder Dreyer became pastor. There we find the names of Mesdames Sauerli, Boen, Tora Kvammen, Narum, Husevold, Forli, Sanderson, Ole Serabeck, Nels Helle, A. Kirkilic, Christian Olson, Abrahamson, G. Kasen Bjorgo, Berg, J. Jacobson, W. Jacobson, Hanson, Horsrud, Solseth, and Gausta. From 1892 until 1910, the Ladies Aid sent \$27.50 each year for the education of a child at "Fru Borchgrevink's Asylum" in Madagascar, besides donations which were given to various church missions.

Throughout the years the Aid has paid a substantial part of the budget.

It is believed that Greenfield is the only Aid in the Circuit which has been active for 80 years without a break. Several Aids were organized earlier but have disbanded and reorganized.

In October 1913, the Aid met in the new church in town, and has continued to do so. The large art-glass window, depicting Christ's Ascension, the chancel carpet, and a rug, chairs and table for the sacristy were donated by the Ladies Aid.

Later the electric lights and serving tables were installed and the kitchen modernized.

In 1951, the Ladies donated the new carpeting and pad and the Circles donated the new light fixtures when the church was redecorated.

The kitchen and dining room have been remodied; folding tables and chairs for the dining room; dishes, silverware and other necessary equipment for the kitchen have been purchased.

The Ladies' Aid now carries out the entire program as set up by the W.M.F. Thirty-five Life Membership pins have been given and three "In Memoriams."

Up to 1921, the pastors presided, with a member acting as secretary-treasurer. The officers have been as follows:

1876-1887 Rev. or Mrs. Tobias Larson presided	1930-1932 Mrs. Theodore Applen
1888-1902 Mrs. Peder Dreyer, Secretary-Treas.	1933-1934 Mrs. Oscar Peterson
1903-1906 Mrs. Tollef Sanderson	1935 Mrs. K. D. Olson
1907-1909 Mrs. Gerhard Rasmussen	1936 Mrs. Tillman O. Morem
1910-1913 Mrs. Carrie Quammen	1937 Mrs. J. T. Harstad
1914-1916 Mrs. Gerhard Rasmussen	1938-1939 Mrs. Ellsworth Duxbury
1917 Mrs. Tollef Sanderson	1940 Miss Edna Haugerud
1918-1920 Mrs. Ole C. Olson	1941-1945 Mrs. Theodore Applen
1921-1924 Mrs. Carrie Quammen, President	1946-1948 Mrs. Ida S. Johnson
1925-1926 Mrs. K. D. Olson	1949-1950 Mrs. Harold Johnson
1927 Mrs. Helmer Johnson	1951-1952 Mrs. J. H. Bergey
1928-1929 Mrs. Carrie Quammen	1953-1954 Mrs. Ralph Gleisner
	1955-1956 Mrs. Walter Matson

For two years, 1947-1948, our Ladies' Aid supported Miss Mayme Stevenson, a missionary in Madagascar.

The small group of six charter members who first organized the Greenfield Lutheran Ladies' Aid may have had visions of the growth of this society, but it is doubtful that they even dreamed of an organization with the present membership of 117, whose receipts for one year would exceed \$6,000.



LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Back row: Mmes. Helmer Johnson, Theodore Olson, Oliver Halverson, Henry Morem, Miss Anna Nelson, Ida S. Johnson, Eddie Johnson, Terris Wilson, Knut Monson.
Front row: Mmes. Theodore Applen, Halvor Maland, Jacob Strand, Edward Hoiness, Austin Morem, Hans Holger, Henry Helgeson, John Christianson.
Missing: Mmes. O. C. Brenna, Mary Dahlen, John Grande, Ellen Knutson, Hannah Larson, Andrew Moen, P. M. Oistad, Ed. Olson, Sam Serabeck, Gertie Seem, I. C. Soma, Nels Fosse, Misses Ida Ellis and Emma Kasen.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP AND IN MEMORIAM

In May 1953, Greenfield Lutheran Ladies' Aid held its first program dealing with "Life Membership and In Memoriam", the department of our W.M.F. concerned with honoring our faithful church workers. It is a means of following Paul's injunction "to give honor to whom honor is due."

At this meeting Mrs. Theodore Applen and Mrs. Ida Johnson the two oldest living past presidents of the Ladies' Aid were honored. Mrs. Applen served as president for eight years and Mrs. Johnson, three years. A Life Membership pin was presented to each of them.

The following year, May 1954, eight members who were eighty years old or more were honored. Unfortunately because of illness four of these members were unable to be present, but Life Membership pins were presented to them at their homes. These members include Mesdames Mary Dahlen, John Grande, Ellen Knutson and Sam Serabeck. The other four members Mesdames Bertha Oistad, Austin Morem, Jacob Strand and Theodore Olson were honored at a special program and presented with pins.

In 1955 the members who were seventy or more were honored. The following received Life Membership pins: Mesdames John Christianson, Oliver Halverson, Edward Hoiness, Hans Holger, O. C. Brenna, Henry Helgeson, Helmer Johnson, Ed. K. Johnson, Hannah Larson, Halvor Maland, Andrew Moen, Henry Morem, Ed. B. Olson, Gertie Seem, I. C. Soma, Terris Wilson, Nels Fosse and the Misses Ida Ellis, Anna Nelson and Emma Kasen.

Not until 1956 did the Aid participate in the second part of the program known as "In Memoriam" which means giving a gift of ten dollars or more in memory of someone who has passed away. Four "In Memoriams" were given this year—one in memory of Mrs. Mary Dahlen, a former Aid member, and three in memory of Greenfield's deceased pastors—Pastor Tobias Larson, Pastor Peder Dreyer and Pastor Gerhard Rasmussen. Honoring our present pastors, Pastor Walter Johnson and Pastor Knut Monson and also two former pastors, O. C. Brenna and Marcus Gravdal, the Aid gave seventy dollars to the Seminary Development Fund. Mrs. Walter Johnson and Mrs. Knut Monson, our present pastors' wives, were also honored and presented with pins.

The money sent in from either of these departments is used for worth while mission projects and at the same time we are honoring our loyal workers in the Lord's service.

*"O Thou who dost the vision send
And givest each his task,
And with the task, sufficient strength,
Show us Thy will, we ask.*

*Give us a conscience, bold and good
Give us a purpose true
That it may be our highest joy
Our Father's work to do."*

GREENFIELD CHURCH CHOIRS

The records concerning the choirs of the early Greenfield Church are very incomplete, yet there is much evidence which indicates clearly that the early founders of the church were very sincere in their desire to preserve their traditional Lutheran heritage of song, and to keep in their worship services the impressive hymns of the church.

Scattered records indicate that Reverend Tobias Larson started a "Singing School" February 10th, 1874, at which time he also organized a young peoples society. Hans Christian Tiegan was the song leader, and the church at that time apparently had an organ, for it was noted that the organ needed repair, so Mr. Tollef Sanderson was delegated to have it repaired. The name of the organist was not given in the records.

About 1897, Mr. P. T. Larson, a hardware dealer in Harmony, organized a regular choir, which sang mostly without accompaniment. Larson used a tuning fork to obtain the proper key for singing. The members of this choir were listed as follows: Lena, Anna and Peter Helgeland, Theoline and Theodore Olson, Ida Sorenson, Mathilda Helle, Tollef Sanderson Sr., Ole Romsos, and P. T. Larson. Other members were added later. This group sang for several years in the old brick church and the songs used were taken from the widely used singing books of the times, "Fryde-toner" and "Klokke-toner." Reverend Peder Dreyer was the pastor at this time.

After Pastor Gerhard Rasmussen became pastor of Greenfield, there appeared to be a group of singers under the direction of a Mr. Backmann, with Mrs. Gertie Seem as organist. This group sang in the chapel.

The first fully complete choir was organized in the latter part of 1913, and was directed by Mrs. Gerhard Rasmussen, who also served as its organist. This choir sang at the dedication of the present church building which dedication took place in September 1913. The membership included the following names: Otelia Rasmussen, Myrtle Quammen, Helma, Thea and Maybelle Teigan, Mabel Afseth, Lillian Thompson, Anna Seem, Emma Rostvold, Pernilla Tystad, Oren Helle, Tollef Sanderson Jr., Tal-



SENIOR CHOIR

Back row: Eldon Hoiness, John Young, Robert Stoskopf, Leonard Stoskopf, Tilford Serabeek, Lester Torgerson, Harold Ause, Stafford Storhoff, Jerry Serabeek, Gordon Peterson, Francis Jensen, John Hanson, Carl Pederson.

Middle row: Emma Ellingson, Olga Kyseth, Arlene Morem, Ethel Long, Ann Glesne, Barbara Johnson, Muriel Johnson, Marilyn Johnson, Gertrude Hoiness, Alice Hoiness, Esther Steffensrud, Virginia Brokken.

Front row: Lola Storhoff, Gladys Randall, Iris Morem, Evelyn Morem, Jol Burt, Truman Quammen, Director, Thelma Pederson, Organist, Emeline Dahl, Nelda Kiehne, Jennie Warren, Delone Carpenter, Ruth Ihns.

mer Gillund, Martin Bruflodt, Henry Bruflodt, Clarence Hegg and John H. Brokken. Other members were added a short time later, among which were Horace Olson and Truman Quammen. These singers were probably the nucleus of the present Greenfield Choir as they continued to function, with the exception of a few years in the early twenties, up to the present period.

In 1921, Superintendent N. P. Peterson of the Harmony Schools persuaded Mr. Truman Quammen to take over the directing of the choir as Mrs. Rasmussen wished to be relieved of the position. Mr. Quammen, with a background of vocal training at McPhail School of Music, and with a few years of experience as a concert singer on Chautauqua, was well qualified for the job; so, with many of the former members, together with some new singers who were added as the older members dropped out, the present choir started to function as a definite part of every Sunday's worship service. It has continued since that time, under the capable guidance of Mr. Quammen, who has dedicated his part of this work to produce a choir which "Praises God In Song" and which brings to the worship services that heritage of great Lutheran music. The present choir has a long history of participation in service, a long history of sharing its talent for the needs of the congregation, and for its members, a record of many pleasant and worthwhile hours spent. It has given many concerts at home, it has participated in programs in neighboring churches, and it has had in its membership many singers who later claimed greater work in the church. In 1947, under the management of Horace Olson, the choir financed its own bus trip to Milwaukee to attend and take part in the International Luther League Choral Union Concert at Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

One cannot write the history of Greenfield Choir without mentioning the very important part played by its organist, Mrs. Carl Pederson, who as a high school girl in 1923 was asked to serve as organist during the absence of Mrs. Rasmussen, and who then took over the work and has since served in that capacity. She has a record unexcelled, in years of faithful service to Greenfield. She has performed a service which at times is tedious and which so many times is taken for granted, but which is so essential to the success of a choir.

In 1950, Greenfield Congregation, in recognition of the outstanding contribution made by Mr. Quammen as director of the choir, and Mrs. Pederson as organist of the choir and the church, held a program honoring them and presented them with a gift commemorating their many years of service to the congregation.

The first junior choir of Greenfield was organized and directed by Miss Anna Seem in 1929. It continued until 1932, and has a record of participating in the 75th anniversary services of Greenfield. Miss Seem also directed a junior choir in 1935 and continued it through 1937. Margurite Soma assisted Miss Seem at one period.



MUSIC DIRECTORS

Eldon Hoiness, Junior Choir; Mrs. Carl Pederson, Church Organist; Gordon Peterson, Youth Choir; Mrs. Harold Ause, Children's Choir; Truman Quammen, Senior Choir.

In 1943 the junior choir was again reorganized under the direction of Eldon Hoiness. This choir continued to serve as a part of the regular church music work until 1952. Muriel Hoiness assisted with this choir at one period in 1946. The junior choir of this period has a record of appearing in concert in many neighboring churches including Henrytown, Fremont, Union Prairie, Highland and Peterson.

To Miss Seem also goes the credit of organizing the first children's choir of Greenfield. This choir, established in 1954, included children up through the fourth grade in school. It continued for a period of one year.

In 1955, under the guidance of Pastor Walter Johnson, it was decided to integrate the entire music program of Greenfield. As a result, four choirs were established to include all ages and groups of singers of the church. The children's choir, including the children up through the fourth grade, was directed by Mrs. Harold Ause. The second group, the junior choir, was directed by Eldon Hoiness and included all pupils from the fifth through the ninth grade. The third group, the youth choir, was directed by Gordon Peterson, and included all pupils in grades ten, eleven and twelve. The fourth group was the regular senior choir under the direction of Mr. Quammen.

Thus, after 100 years, the record of Greenfield's music comes to a beginning; not to an end. There is work to be done in the kingdom. There is a song by Martin Luther, "God's Word Is Our Great Heritage". May the singers of Greenfield ever maintain that heritage and proclaim in song that their church is "Built On The Rock".



YOUTH CHOIR

Back row: John Young, Robert Stoskopf, George Peterson, Richard Boice, Howard Hanson, Conway Elton, Jerry Serebeck, John Hanson.

Middle row: Pauline Kunkat, Janet Young, Karen Haugen, Gordon Peterson, Director, Corrine Boice, Joan Burmeister, Mavis Kjarland.

Front row: Carol Knutson, Dorothy Pederson, Karma Eddy, LeEtta Gleisner, Karen Johnson, Phoebe Hoiness.



JUNIOR CHOIR

Back row 1: Beryle Harmon, Sheryl Ihns, Carol Berning, Dwaylla Gleisner, Judy Willford, Judy Thorson, Betsey Hauge-rud, Ardeth Masters, Callie Harmon, Betty Matson, Charles Pederson, Howard Wickett, Dennis Kjarland.

Row 2: Eldon Hoiness, Director; William Wickett, Gary Matson, Elaine Knudson, Sandy Hoiness, Lana Matson, Diane Hoiness, Phyllis Masters, Evelyn Peterson, Mary Burmeister, Joan Arneson, Richard Jensen, Fred Young, Stafford Storhoff, Assistant Director.

Row 3: Donna Ihns, Sharyn Matson, Carolyn Applen, Janis Soland, Diane Torgerson, Collette Capper, Judy Stenbeck, Peggy Lyndahl, Gloria Kunkat, Romona Holger, Jerry Willford, Jerald Thorson.

Row 4: Diane Erickson, Joan Anderson, Carolyn Evenson, Janell Jertson.

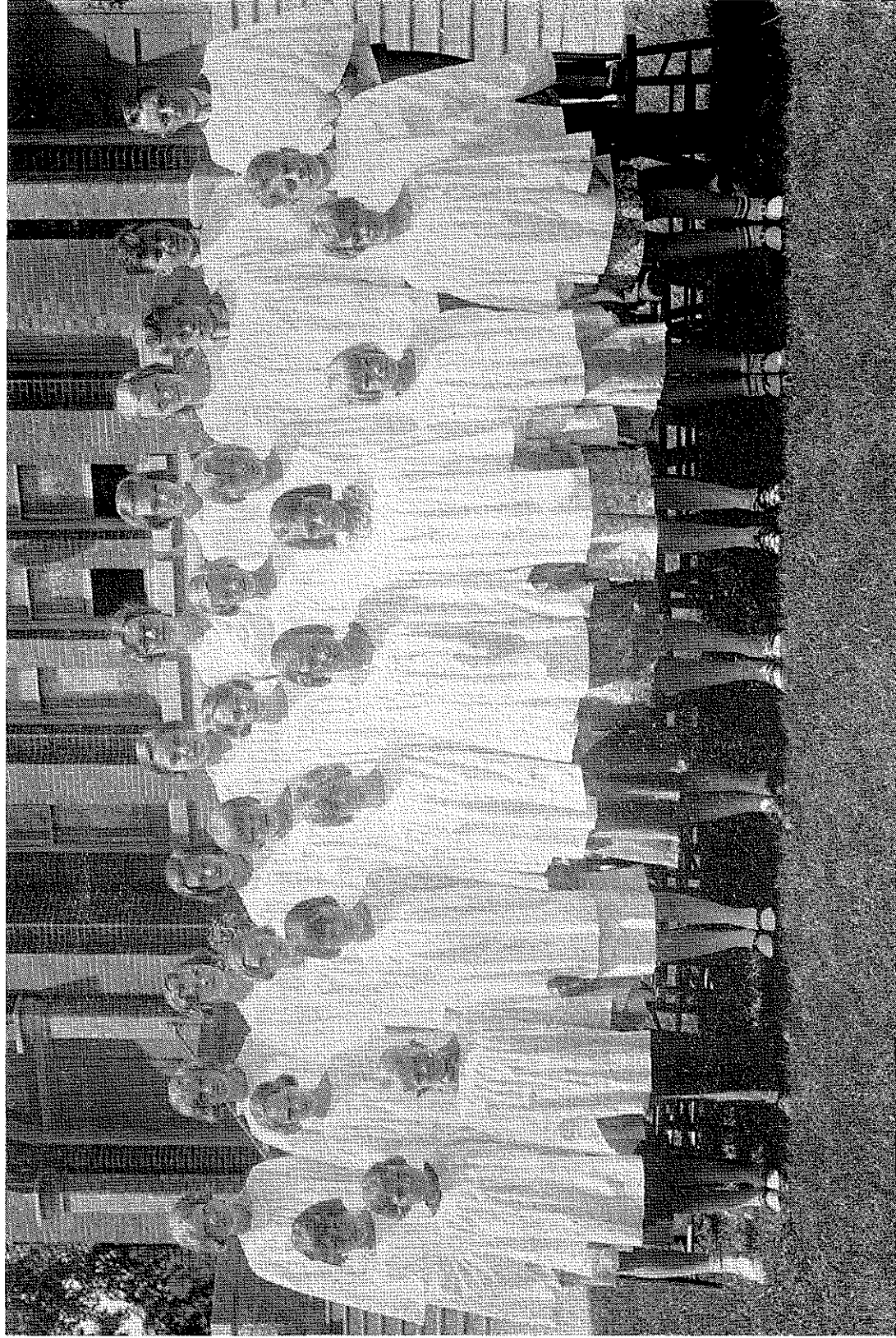


CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Back row: Marcia Moren, Merlin Christenson, Susan Haugen, Marilyn Warren, Virginia Bigalk, Mary Hanson, Jean Masters, Barbara Ause, Annie Ewalt, Larry Haugen, Barbara Matson.

Middle row: Toni Afseth, Marilyn Iverson, Janet Storhoff, Michael Poncel, Martha Wickett, Rebecca Richardson, Zachary Afseth, Stephen Haugen, Janene Holger, John Seem, Elaine Masters.

Front row: Dwayne Safford, James Serabeck, Roxye Afseth, Susan Wahl, Linda Torgerson, Cheryl Harstad, Deanna Gregerson, Kathy Iverson, Christy Long, Rollyn Holger, Mrs. Harold Ause, Director.



FIRST JUNIOR CHOIR — 1930 - 1931

Back row: June Johnson, Louise Workman, Edith Halvorson, Marguerite Soma, Marian Christianson, Anna Seem, Director, Jeanette Larson, Juanita Arneson, Marion Soma, Archie Halvorson.

Middle row: Frances Boen, Germaine Feda, Borguild Johnson, Ethel Ellingson, Kathleen Wahl, Evelyn Johnson, Nelda Olson, Oscar Brenna, Randolph Peterson.

Front row: Viola Hanson, Donald Hoiness, Anita Sundby, Doris Workman, Helen Ellis, Marian Strand, Vivian Ellis, Alice L. Peterson.



SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Left to right, sitting: Daphne Knudson, Audrey Teslow, Beula Storhoff, Hazel Dybvick, Olga Kyseth, Perry Pederson, Mildred Pederson, Cora Jertson.

Left to right, standing: Barbara Wickett, Lila Scrabeck, Pastor Johnson, Evelyn Christensen, Thelma Applen, Gladys Christianson, Mildred Johnson, Thelma Pederson, Harriet Holger, Mavis Johnson, Evelyn Christianson, Margaret Scrabeck, Supt., (Absent, Junice Seem)

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL

The pioneer parents who organized our church realized the need of religious training for the children. In the beginning, instruction classes were held in the homes of Arne Kirkelie and Ole Scrabeck, Sr.

A Sunday School was organized in 1875 and has been active since. Tollef Sanderson, Sr. was the first Sunday School Superintendent and served in that capacity thru 1887, a total of thirteen years. He was followed by P. T. Larson who served from 1888 thru 1902, a total of fourteen years. Tollef Sanderson again became Superintendent in 1903 and remained thru 1914, a total of twenty-five years as Sunday School Superintendent of Greenfield Church. He remained in Sunday School as a teacher until 1927 when, on October 10th, he was presented with a watch chain and a silver medallion, suitably inscribed, from the Sunday School in appreciation of thirty-eight years of faithful service. The following are the Superintendents who have served since:

Martin T. Bruffodt—1915-1927—13 years
Miss Anna Seem & Tollef Sanderson, Jr.—1928
—1 year
Miss Anna Seem—1929-1932—4 years
Mrs. Ben Feda—1933-1944—12 years
Mrs. Feda served as Ass't Supt. in 1929-31-32

Mrs. Willard Johnson—1945—1 year
Mrs. Perry Pederson—1946-1947—2 years
Mrs. Ellsworth Duxbury—1948—1 year
Mrs. Merlin Scrabeck—1949-1952—4 years
Mrs. Henry Christianson—1953-1954—2 years
Mrs. Merlin Scrabeck—1955-1956—2 years

Another faithful member was Alma Rogness, who was Ass't. Supt. for 10 years.

On Memorial Day, 1942, the Sunday School presented two flags to the church; the National flag and the Stars and Stripes. Imbedded in this flag is the freedom and hope of our nation. The other, the Christian flag, emblem of the Cross, for those whose kingdom it stands, unites all mankind in service and love. Mrs. Ben Feda, Superintendent made the presentation in behalf of the Sunday School which were accepted and dedicated by Rev. O. C. Brenna, Pastor of Greenfield Church.

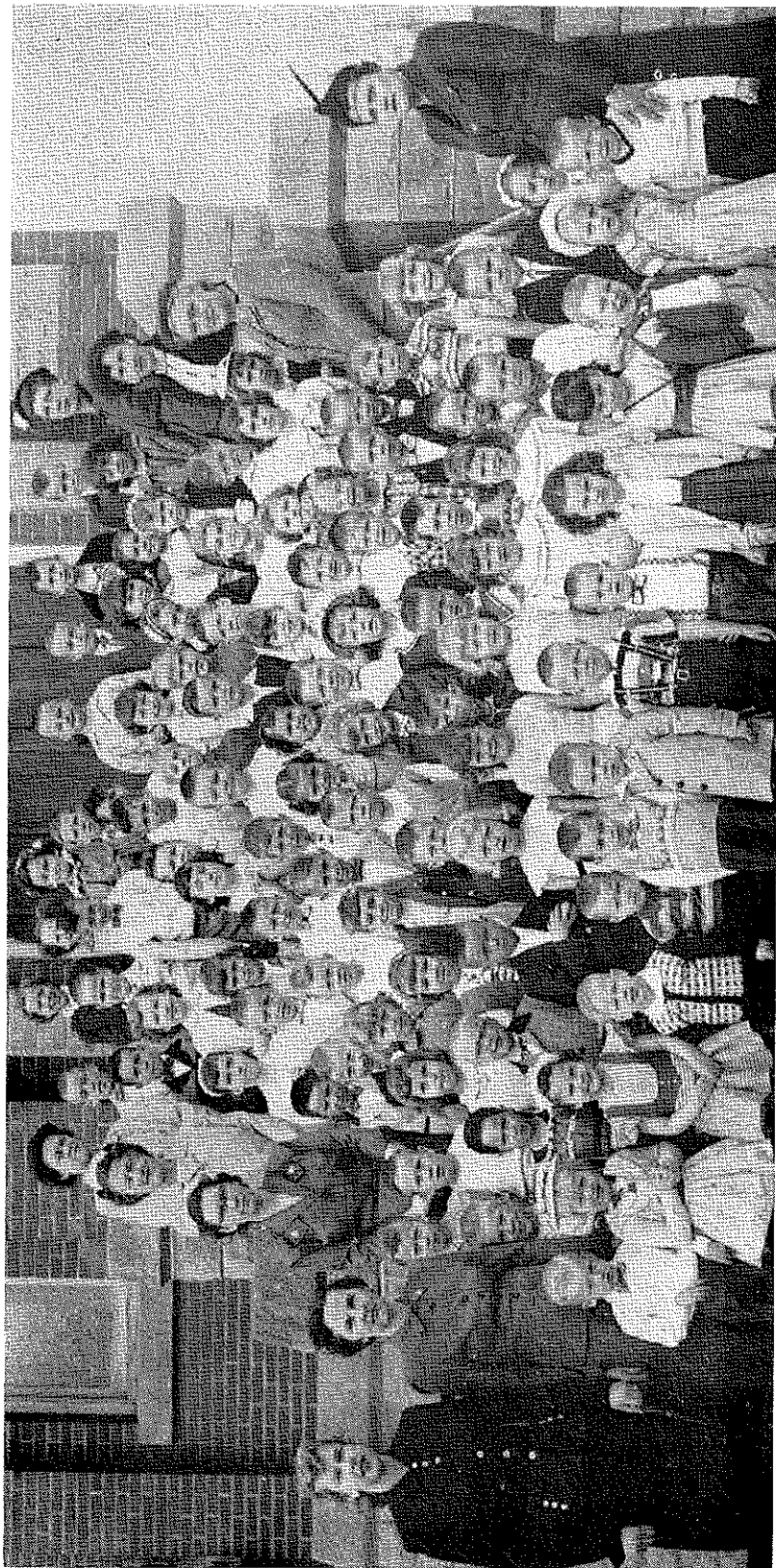
In previous years the baptismal font, which is in use in our church today, was also presented. Recently a vacuum cleaner, four pulpit hangings, four stoles, and one altar cloth have been presented and dedicated for use. A memorial fund, given in memory of Cheryl Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Johnson, and Robert Berg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Berg, has been established. Three dozen kindergarten chairs were bought with this fund, for our Primary department.

These things and many more, have been done through the years to make our Sunday School not one of "hearing" alone, but "doing", as we are sure God would have us do.

We have grown in size, so that our rooms became over crowded. In 1953, we were divided into two sessions. One at 9:45 a. m., this for beginners through class three, and the other at 11:00 a. m., this for class four through ten. Our present enrollment is two hundred twenty-one.

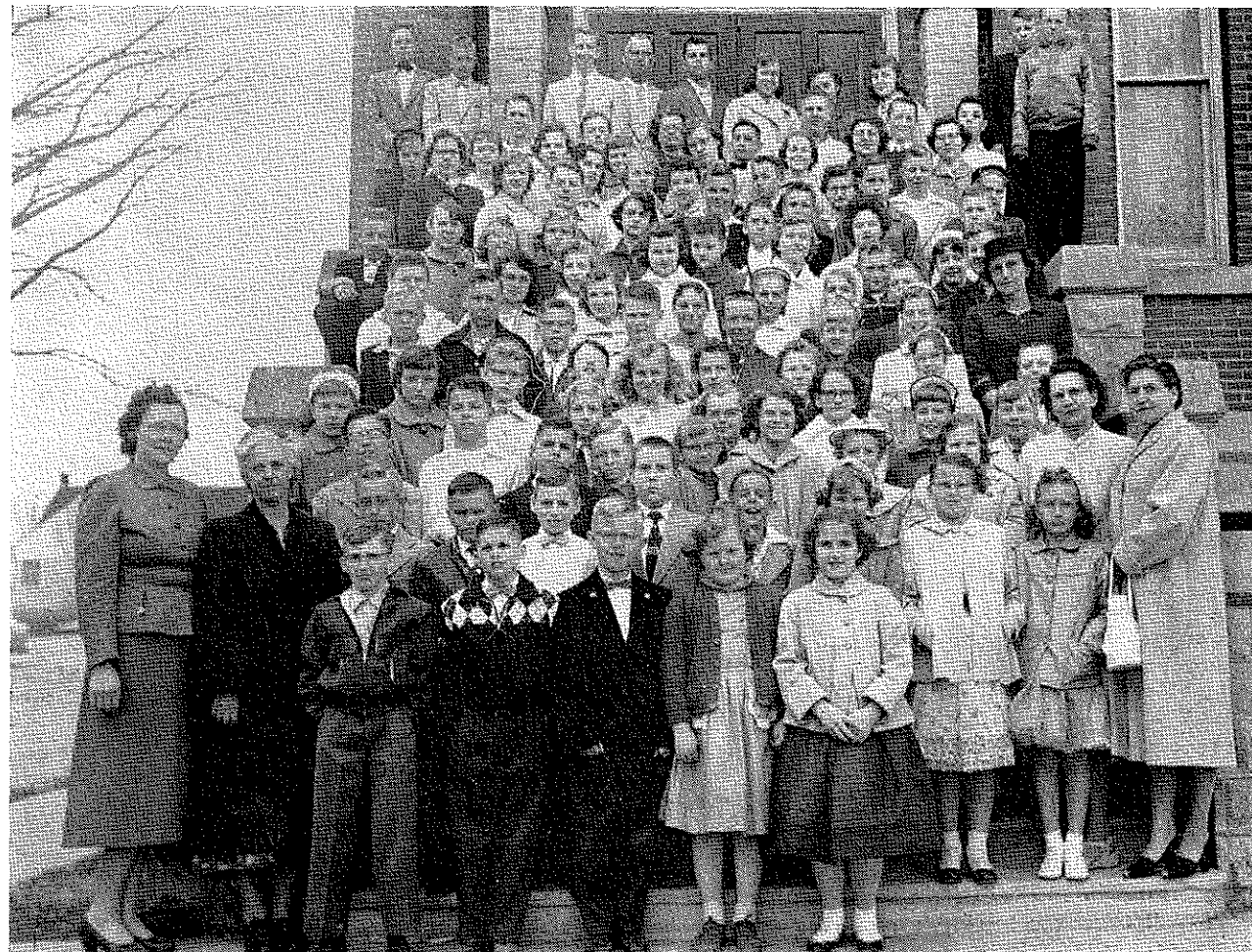
In the future we hope to have adult classes and classes of high school age.

Mrs. Merlin Scrabeck
Superintendent



FIRST SESSION SUNDAY SCHOOL

First row: Richard Erickson, Susan Gleene, Bonnie Jean Richardson, James Berg, Gregory Johnson, Arden Safford, Richard Burmeister, John Aulse, Dick Sylvester, Marcia Masters, Ann Skkink, Mark Seem, Mary Lou Ellingson, Brit Johnson, Mrs. Howard Teslow.
 Second row: Daphne Knutson, Mrs. Sam Storhoff, Steven Corson, Rene Dunn, Bradley Torgerson, Charles Johnson, Susan Wahl, Roxye Lee Afseth, Deanna Gregerson, Jeanine Scrabeck, Jeanette Scrabeck, Mark Johnson, Bruce Moren, Lynell Alfson.
 Third row: Pamela Ellingson, Gregory Haugen, Connie Dybvik, Carolyn Brunsfold, Rollyn Holger, Dennis Kiehne, Tommy Long, Dwaine Safford, Dennis Randal, Marilyn Kiehne.
 Fourth row: Kathryn Applen, Linda Torgerson, Michel Ellingson, Cheryl Harstad, Dianne Kiehne, Richard Berg, Dennis Torgerson, John Engle.
 Fifth row: Mrs. Tilford Scrabeck, Arne Dunn, Ronald Soland, Jimmy Scrabeck, Jay Teslow, Becky Richardson, Wayne Erickson, Dennis Alfson, Kathryn Anderson, Lee Randal.
 Sixth row: Dennis Johnson, Roger Applen, Paul Engle, Kathy Iverson, Martha Wickett, Christy Long, Elaine Masters, Mrs. Harold Johnson.
 Seventh row: Mrs. Howard Wickett, Janet Storhoff, Carmelitta Safford, Susan Haugen, John Seem, Freddie Brokken, Steven Haugen, Jeannene Holger, Zachary Afseth, Rhoda Olson.
 Eighth row: Dickie Thorson, Virginia Bigalk, Marcia Moren, Norma Peterson, Nelia Peterson, Nancy Evenson, Toni Afseth, Mrs. Howard Applen.
 Ninth row: Mrs. Orville Severson, Edward Johnson, George Berg, Tommy Davis, Larry Haugen, Mickey Ponce, Sherry Grindeland.
 Tenth row (short row, right): Jean Masters, Marlys Iverson, Anne Marie Kiehne, Mrs. Alyse Engle.
 Eleventh row: Barbara Aulse, Barbara Matson, Patricia Greinus, Robbie Severson, Merlin Christianson, Jimmy Wilford, Michael Sylvester.



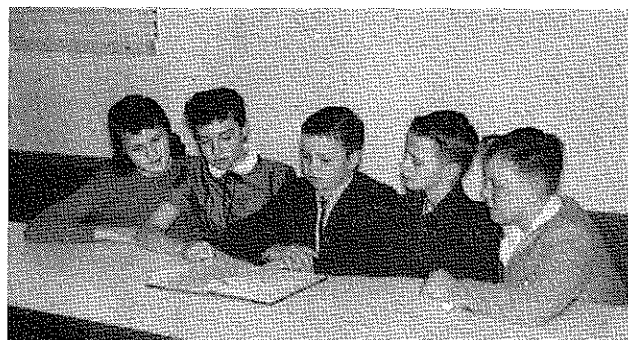
SUNDAY SCHOOL SECOND SESSION

Front to back, First row: Mrs. Merlin Scrabeck, Mrs. Henry Christensen, Morris Alfson, Larry Torgerson, Rodney Gregerson, Marcia Corson, Mary Hanson.
 Second row: Dickie Thorson, Douglas Anderson, David Fossum, Dale Dahly, Bing Brokken, Marilyn Warren, Carol Hegg.
 Third row: Jerry Wilford, Bill Wickett, John Dybvik, Danny Scrabeck, Carolyn Applen, Elaine Knutson, Joan Anderson, Ramona Holger, Mrs. Perry Pederson.
 Fourth row: Gloria Kunkat, Judy Brufloft, Mary Burmeister, Carolyn Evenson, Dianne Erickson, Judy Stenbeck, Janell Jertson, Janet Scrabeck, Charyl Olson, Jannete Corson, Sharyn Matson, Donna Ihns, Dianne Jacobson, Charles Hoiness.
 Fifth row: Jimmy Jensen, Lee Bigalk, Donald Haugen, Tommy Severson, Bruce Aulse, Peggy Lyndahl, Sandra Hoiness, Mrs. Ernest Seem.
 Sixth row: Marilyn Moren, Phyllis Masters, Norma Coyle, Janis Soland, Karen Sears, Robert Boice.
 Seventh row: Gary Matson, Geraldine Kiehne, Collette Capper, Joan Arneson, Carol Berning, Judy Thorson, Judy Wilford, Betsy Haugerud, Arlyn Scrabeck, Bonnie Brokken, Beryl Harmon, Tommy Johnson, Sharyl Ihns, Miss Olga Kyseth.
 Eighth row: Mrs. Gordon Holger, Kathryn Johnson, Dennis Kjarland, Mavis Hegg, Evelyn Peterson, Betty Matson, Gerald Evenson, Charles Peterson, Kenneth Haugen, Lanna Matson, Jackie Brufloft, Howard Wickett, Mrs. Orval Dybvik, Freddie Boice.
 Ninth row: Fay Sears, Karen Engle, Janet Mortenson, Dianne Hoiness, Julie Hanson, Bonnie Hoiness, Ardith Masters, Callie Harmon.
 Tenth row: David Jensen, Robert Meyers, Mrs. Carl Pederson, Richard Pederson, Loren Gilland, Ronny Scrabeck, Kenneth Christianson.
 Eleventh row: Jerry Olson, Allen Capper, Jimmy Brokken, Mr. Perry Pederson, Harold Christensen, Joanne Burmeister, Sharyl Dybvik, Pauline Kunkat, John Christianson, Richard Jensen.



RELEASED-TIME TEACHERS

Pastor Walter Johnson, Mrs. Charles Dahling, Pastor Orville Boetcher, American Lutheran Church, Mrs. Glen Lien, Mrs. Oliver Pederson, Pastor Knut Monson.



JUNIOR LEAGUE OFFICERS

Vice Pres. Betsy Haugerud, Sec. Betty Matson, Pres. Frederick Young, Sec. Charles Peterson, Treas. Howard Wickett.



JUNIOR LEAGUE

Back row: Mrs. Earl Gillund, Adviser, Jackie Bruffodt, Kenneth Haugen, Howard Wickett, Frederick Young, Dennis Kjarland, Charles Peterson, Loren Gillund, Frederick Boice, Marilyn Berg, Richard Jensen, Betsy Haugerud, Gary Matson, Judy Thorson, Mrs. Art Haugen, Adviser.
Front row: Joan Arneson, Cheryl Ihns, Betty Matson, Evelyn Peterson, Dwaylla Gleisner, Beryl Harmon, Colette Capper.

JUNIOR LUTHER LEAGUE

The Junior Luther League was organized shortly after Pastor Marcus Gravdahl became the Pastor. There were thirty-two seventh and eighth graders at the meeting on September 21, 1952 with Mr. and Mrs. John Schuman as advisers.

The officers elected for the first year were: President, Harold Berge; Secretary, Karen Haugen; and Treasurer, John Ellingson. Since that time the Junior Leaguers have joined the Pocket Testament League. Mrs. Carl Pederson and Mrs. Ervin Young replaced the Schumans as advisers.

This year, 1956, the Junior League has a membership of twenty-five. The officers are: President, Frederick Young; Vice President, Betsy Haugerud; Secretary, Betty Matson; Treasurer, Howard Wickett; and P.T.L. Secretary, Charles Pederson. The advisers are Mrs. Arthur Haugen and Mrs. Earl Gillund. Meetings are held the third Sunday night of every month.

SENIOR LUTHER LEAGUE

The Luther League, formerly the Luther Union, was organized February 17, 1919. The first officers were Tollef Sanderson, Jr., president; Myrtle Quammen, vice-president; Martin T. Bruffodt, secretary-treasurer. On February 7, 1922, the Luther Union officially changed its name to the Harmony Luther League.

The leaguers have been under the guidance of adult counselors, which was begun under the able leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Johnson in 1950 and has proved to be very successful. The Luther League meets once a month for a devotional service and once a month for social activities. The purpose of the league is to "Win and Hold Young People for Christ". In the last few years the league has sent many leaguers to Leadership school held at St. Olaf College and sent delegates to district, state and national conventions. In June 1955, thirty leaguers and five counselors attended the national convention in San Francisco, California. A great deal of planning and hard work by leaguers, advisers and pastors, together with the generous support of the congregation, made this spiritual experience possible. This convention was very inspirational to the leaguers and one not to be forgotten.



SENIOR LEAGUE

Front row: Roger Serabeck, Richard Burt, Phoebe Hoiness, Dorothy Pederson, Robert Stoskopf, Conway Elton, Karen Haugen, LeEtta Gleisner.
Second row: George Peterson, Gerald Johnson, Robert Masters, Harlan Haugen, Mavis Kjarland, Karen Johnson, Allen Haugen, Keith Sandvik, Gary Dahly.
Third row: John Hanson, John Young, Stafford Storhoff, Richard Boice, Howard Hanson, Marjorie Fishbaugher, Gladys Fishbaugher, Maryellen Olson, Nelda Kiehne.
Fourth row: Robert Meyers, Janet Young, Callie Harmon, Julie Hanson, Harold Christensen, Ann Jones, Sharyl Dybvik, John Ellingson.
Standing: Mrs. Francis Jensen, Mr. Carl Diedericks, Mrs. Carl Diedericks, Corrinne Boice, Carole Knudson, Diane Hoiness, Bonnie Hoiness, Karen Engle, Kenneth Christensen, John Arneson, John Christianson, Richard Pederson, Jerry Olson, Lana Matson, Viola Serabeck, Ardith Masters, Jimmy Brokken, Richard Johnson, Gerlad Kiehne, Mrs. Dean Morem, Mr. Dean Morem.

GREENFIELD CIRCLES

In 1942 eight Circles were formed to work with the Ladies Aid. The understanding at that time was that the Circles would work to raise money to take the place of the annual Norsk and Chicken suppers which had been served previously.

The first Circle chairwomen were Mrs. James Jacobson, Mrs. Harold Johnson, Mrs. Oscar Peterson, Mrs. Theodore Halvorson, Mrs. Harry Workman, Mrs. T. O. Harstad, Mrs. Lawrence Hoiness, and Mrs. Richard Bigalk.

The number of Circles has varied from five at one time, to nine at the present time. These nine Circles are composed of approximately 150 members, with an almost equal number being Aid and non-Aid members.

When the Circles were first formed there was no basis for names; however, in 1953 it was decided the Circles should all have names of Biblical women—i.e., Rebekah, Rachel, Naomi, etc.

Each Circle is responsible for the program at Ladies Aid meetings one month during the year. They are all very active and have done much to further the work of God's Kingdom in our Ladies Aid and the Church.

Mrs. Walter Matson
President—Ladies Aid



RUTH CIRCLE

Back row: Mmes. Harold Harstad, Blake Johnson, Roger Sikkink, Donald Johnson, James Harstad (Pres.), Eugene Richardson, Russell Bigalk.
Second row: Murray Carpenter, Richard Morem, Dean Morem, Neil Appen, Roger Johnson, Lee Fishbaugher, Martin Matson, Harold Ihms.
Front row: Tilford Serabeck, Gordon Holger, Earl Gillund, Ray Ewalt, Francis Jensen, Walter Matson. (Absent member): Mrs. Donald Morem.



NAOMI CIRCLE

Back row: Mmes. Murrell Jacobson, Percy Steffensrud, Virgil Michel, Herbert Lyndahl, Howard Hanson, Arthur Kingsbury, Howard Applen (Pres.), Robert Johnson, Rudolph Prey.
Front row: Elias Virak, August Sundby, Nels Elton, Selmer Jacobson, Glen Sanden. (Absent members): Mmes. James Jacobson, Carl Applen, John Grande, Marvin Elton, Selma Sanden.



REBEKAH CIRCLE

Back row: Mmes. Orville Hoiness, Harold Johnson, Horace Olson, Leonard Hanson, Ervin Young, Howard Wickett, Truman Quammen.
Front row: Milford Rostvold, Donald Wickett, Arnold Erickson, Tillman Morem, Charles Dahling, T. O. Harstad. (Absent) Harold Aune (Pres.)



ESTHER CIRCLE

Back row: Mmes. Emmet Burt, John Bergy, Orval Christianson, Carl Pederson, Roy Erickson, Ray Warren, Emmet Armstrong.
Front row: Duane Long, Lawrence Hoiness, Gordon Peterson, Howard Teslow, John Glesne, Orville Severson (Pres.), Kermit Bergan. (Absent members): Willard Johnson and Eldon Hoiness.



PRISCILLA CIRCLE

Back row: Mmes. Henry Pederson, Arthur Johnson, Edwin Jertson, Gilman Anderson, Charles Arns.
Front row: Harry Quanrud, Leland McDowell (Pres.), Arthur Haugen, Clarence Luidahl, Ralph Gleisner. (Absent member): Harry Workman.



ELIZABETH CIRCLE

Back row: Mmes. Terris Wilson, Nels Rukke, Nels Boen, Anna Hendrickson, Chris Ellingson, Theodore Johnson, Miss Cora Hanson, Helmer Johnson, Miss Amanda Storlie, Miss Theresa Gregorson. (Absent member): Miss Tomine Itse.
Front row: Elmer Hanson, Hans Holger, Miss Lena Trydahl, Henry Helgeson, Knut Monson (Pres.), Hannah Larson. (Absent members): P. M. Oistad, Ed. Olson, Henry Elton.



ALPHA CIRCLE

Back row: Mmes. John Seldon, Louis Underbakke, Edward Kiehne, Haskel Kvam.
Front row: Herman Schneckloth, Reuel Olson, Charles Safford, Alvin Kiehne. (Absent member): Sherman Haugerud.



RACHEL CIRCLE

Back row: Mmes. Arnold Morem, Eddie Hanson, Miss Aleada Nelson, Ed Laugen, William Rosenthal, Schmer Overland, Knut Monson.
Front row: Ida S. Johnson, Theodore Applen, Ed. Hoiness, John Christianson, Charlotte Olson, Otto Watts, Henry Ginapp. (Absent member): Ole Applen.



MARY CIRCLE

Back row: Mmes. Merlin Serabeck, Theodore Morem, Arnold Matson, Oliver Pederson, Sidney Serabeck, Art Klingsheim.
Front row: Clinton Jones, Harry Bigalk, Tillman Serabeck, J. T. Harstad, Theodore Olson, Henry Morem, Paul Bigalk. (Absent members): Ed Fishbaugher, E. S. Brokken, Ole Brokken, Manley DeGreve, Alice Himes and Miss Edna Haugerud.

BROTHERHOOD

The Greenfield Lutheran Church Brotherhood can be classified as an infant in terms of years among the organizations in this church. This organization of men held its first meeting in the Harmony High School on the evening of October 28, 1952. The following officers were elected: President, Chester Johnson; Vice President, Percy Steffensrud; Secretary, Worrell Erickson; Treasurer, Tallak Haugerud.

The basic objective of the Brotherhood is to enrich the spiritual life of men and boys in this community. This group is organized to Evangelize, educate and energize the men and boys into a more active Christian influence. It aims to win the unsaved for Christ and bring back the lapsed members, to foster an intelligent and appreciative understanding of the whole work of the entire church, to encourage our men and boys as Christian citizens to exert an individual and collective Christian influence in the community and church and to participate actively in the affairs of the government.

To bring about these objectives the men have participated in a visitation program, they have presented inspirational and educational programs and have contributed to the financial needs of the church by free-will donations and by serving dinners.

The Greenfield Lutheran Church Brotherhood is a member of the circuit, district and national Brotherhood of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.



BROTHERHOOD

Back row: Tollef Sanderson, Clarence Elton, Quinten Benson, Charles Safford, Tillford Serabeck, Wm. Peterson, James Duxbury, Leonard Stoskopf.
Second row: Oliver Pederson, Vernon Burmeister, J. T. Harstad, Walter Matson, Lester Torgerson, Donald Bigalk, Martin Matson, Truman Quammen.
Third row: Perry Pederson, R. M. Torgerson, John Smith, Roy Kurdelmeier, James Harstad, Harold Ihns, Gordon Holger.
Front row: Carl Diederichs, Francis Jensen, Roger Sikkink, Merrill Benson, Dean Morem, Roger Johnson.



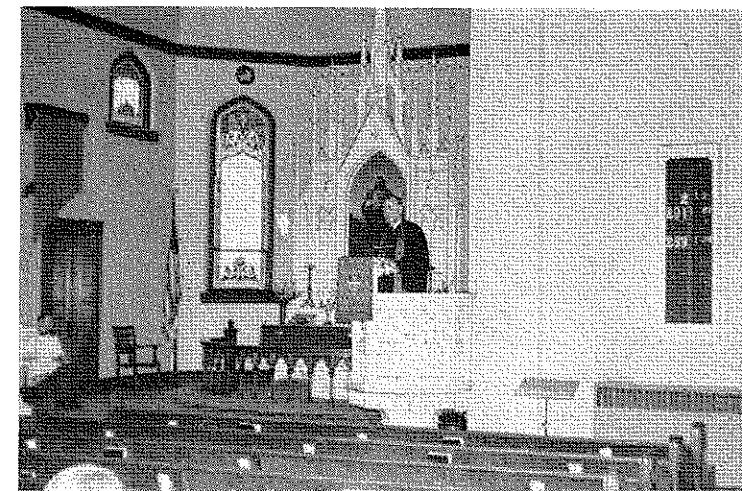
USHERS

Back row: Martin Matson, Roger Sikkink, Roger Johnson, Lester Torgerson, Halvor Dahly.
 Middle row: Gordon Holger, Roy Kurdelmeier, Walter Matson, Quinten Benson.
 Front row: James Harstad, Dean Morem, Roy Erickson, John Hanson, Lee Fishbaugher.



100TH ANNIVERSARY CONFIRMATION CLASS — 1956

Back row: Pastor Walter Johnson, Callie Harmon, Sharyl Dybvik, Julianne Hanson, Ardith Masters, David Jensen, Danford Olson, Stanley Berg, Carmen Johnson.
 Center row: Allen Capper, Gerald Olson, Robert Meyer, James Brokken, Ronald Scrabeck, Kenneth Christensen, John Christanson, Richard Pederson.
 Front row: Diane Hoiness, Karen Engle, Bonnie Hoiness, JoAnn Bergoy, Janet Mortensen, Viola Scrabeck, Lana Matson.



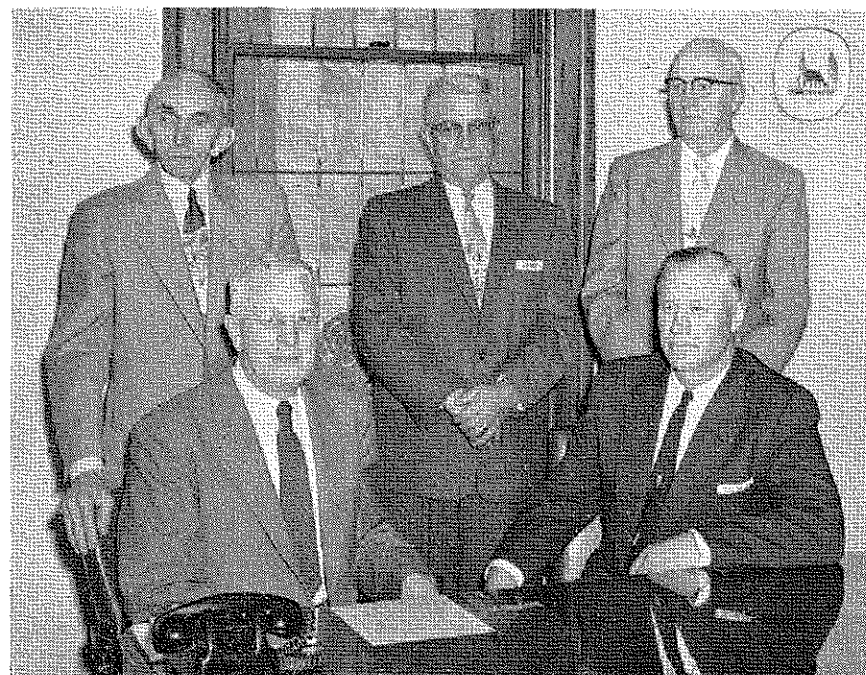
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PARSONAGE



CEMETERY BOARD

Back row: Gerhard Kasen, Harry Workman, Arnold Morem
Front row: Tollef Sanderson, Arnold Benson

GREENFIELD OFFICERS 1956

Pastor — Walter G. Johnson

Pastor — Knut Monson

Chairman — Eldon Hoiness

Treasurer and Financial Secretary — Ellsworth Berg

Secretary — Tillford Scrabeck

Pastor's Secretaries — Mrs. Vernon Burmeister, Mrs. Dean Morem

Board of Deacons: Harold Johnson, Alvin Kiehne, Henry Pederson, Vernon Burmeister, Wm. Peterson.

Board of Trustees: Percy Steffensrud, Norman Coyle, Carl Diederich, Tallak Haugerud, Roger Sikkink, Ervin Young.

Deaconesses: Mrs. J. T. Harstad, Mrs. Walter Matson, Mrs. Charles Dahling, Mrs. Milford Rostvold, Miss Theresa Gregorson.

Auditing Committee: Roy Erickson, Ing. Sandvik.

Organist: Mrs. Carl Pederson.

Choir Directors: Truman Quammen, Gordon Peterson, Eldon Hoiness, Mrs. Harold Ause.

Sunday School Superintendent: Mrs. Merlin Scrabeck.

Head Usher: Gordon Holger

Custodian: Oliver Pederson.

Delegate to E.L.C. Convention: L. O. Hanson.

Alternate: Henry Pederson.

Delegate to Circuit Convention: Roger Sikkink.

Alternate: E. W. Young.

Delegates to Evangelism Conference: Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Benson.

Alternates: Mr. and Mrs. Donald Morem.



CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

Back row: Tollef Sanderson, Mrs. A. K. Sundby, Miss Edna Haugerud, Truman Quammen.
Seated: Mrs. Ida S. Johnson, Sec., J. T. Harstad, Chairman.

Program Committee: Pastor Walter Johnson, Truman Quammen, Tollef Sanderson.

Music Committee: Truman Quammen, Eldon Hoiness, Miss Anna Seem, Mrs. Carl Pederson.

Publicity Committee: Mrs. Ben Feda.

Food Committee: Mrs. A. K. Sundby, Miss Edna Haugerud.

Confirmand Re-union Committee: Mrs. Vernon Burmeister, Mrs. Dean Morem, Mrs. Orville Severson, Mrs. Truman Quammen.

Pageant Committee: Mrs. Bergetta Zotalis, director; John Hanson, Chairman; Phoebe Hoiness, Sharon Haugerud, Karen Haugen, John Young, Robert Stoskopf, Luther League Pageant board; Art Haugen, Audio and Lighting; Henry Pederson, Stage Construction; Mrs. Emmett Burt, Costuming; Mr. and Mrs. Halvor Dahly, Properties.

Historian: Mrs. Ida S. Johnson.

Directors of Centennial Book: J. T. Harstad, Mrs. Ida Johnson

History Committee: Mrs. Ida S. Johnson, Chairman; Mrs. Merlin Scrabeck (Sunday School),

Mrs. Walter Matson (Ladies Aid), Eldon Hoiness (Choir), Mrs. Dean Morem (Senior Luther League), Mrs. Arthur Haugen (Junior Luther League), Perry Pederson (Lutheran Brotherhood).

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Artist: Mrs. Harold Johnson.

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Book Sales Committee: Leonard Hanson, Chairman; Arnold Morem, Sec. and Treas.; J. M. Rostvold, Horace Olson.

Registration Committee: Clarence Hegg, Mrs. T. O. Morem, Mrs. A. K. Sundby, Robert Johnson.

Hosts and Hostesses: Tollef Sanderson, Gerhard Kasen, Mrs. Harry Workman, Mrs. J. M. Rostvold.

POSTSCRIPT

When Norwegian speaking people first came to America they brought with them the Word of God and a desire to worship. In 1843 the first regular church structure for worship among the Norse settlers was begun in the Muskego parish in Wisconsin. In later years, when a new structure was built, the original building was moved to the campus of Luther Theological Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota. Today it stands as a monument to the faith and courage of the forerunners of our heritage.

Greenfield congregation is a part of that building. From reliable sources it has been learned that a number of those who helped build that early sanctuary moved later to Minnesota and organized the Greenfield church.

Truly, this congregation has been blessed immensely by the devoted saints who held high the importance of God's Word.

A new day dawns and, God willing, the sun rises on this generation and the next and the next. "For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall much be required and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more" Luke 12:48b.

As we look to the past dare we waste our inheritance? As we look to the future would we leave a less glorious memory for those who walk in our footsteps? We cannot—we must not—we will not! Lord, lead us onward!