



## **Grace Lutheran Church**

150 Years      1874 – 2024

Hanlontown, Iowa



‘God’s Word is our Great Heritage’ was the theme for our 100<sup>th</sup>, 125<sup>th</sup>, and 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations. As you read this book, we invite you to reflect on what we have accomplished as a congregation and on what God is calling us to do in the future.

# Grace Lutheran Church

## 150 Years



It is a privilege to continue from where the previous two books left off and document the history of Grace Lutheran Church from 2000 to 2024. All three books use our beautiful church windows to help tell our story.

Our objective is to chronicle how we have fulfilled our mission in the 21st century. The most significant change has been the advent of technology, which has enabled us to scan and copy the text and photos from the 100th history book.

We have recorded the names of those baptized and confirmed at Grace.

Recognizing that a picture is worth a thousand words, we have opted to include as many photographs as possible, taken with cameras and cell phones.

We kindly ask for your understanding regarding any omissions or errors made by those who compiled this book.

– The 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee

## A Message from Pastor Linda

“God’s Word is our Great Heritage” is the theme for our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. God’s Word truly is a gift and a part of our history, heritage, and hope. I was asked to choose a window and write something for our celebration. I decided to use Jesus standing at the door and knocking. This is from Revelation 3:20. The passage reminds us that Jesus always wants to enter in, and figuratively he wants to enter each and everyone’s heart. Jesus is always pursuing us and seeking us out; this is God’s amazing grace.

From a congregational perspective, I truly believe that Grace has followed the example of Jesus and encourages those new to the congregation to deepen their relationship with Jesus. All are welcome to come and worship and learn and grow in faith. At the heart of everything we do, we welcome others to welcome Christ, follow Christ, and learn from Jesus the Christ. For 150 years, we have prayed that Christ will continue to come to us, forgive us, and guide us as a congregation and individuals. You see God comes to us in Word and Sacrament, God continues to come because of his unconditional love.

When the people gathered in 1874, I truly believe that they wanted to be a group that welcomed Christ in. So even today as we continue to gather to worship we do so in Jesus’ name. God’s Word promises that where two or three are gathered in Christ’s name there He is also. As we move into the future, may we continue to welcome Christ in as we welcome all to come and worship. We give thanks for the generations that have come before us. May we continue to press on led by the Holy Spirit.

May God Continue to Bless and Guide Us,

Pastor Linda Johnson Prestholt





# Northeastern Iowa Synod

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

September 29, 2024

Dear Friends

Congratulations on this, the 150th anniversary of congregational ministry at Grace Lutheran in Hanlontown. I regret that I cannot be with you to celebrate and worship in person.

So much has changed since those early settlers came together for worship and prayer, founding Grace Lutheran. 160 acre farms with horse drawn plows have been replaced by computer and satellite guided machinery that plant and harvest thousands of acres. One-room school houses within easy walking distance of home are now consolidated school districts that bus students 20-30 miles away. Where news from elsewhere in the state took weeks to get to a place like Hanlontown, you can now watch events live from around the world on a phone that fits in your pocket and goes wherever you do.

Through all of these changes and more the people of Grace have been the Body of Christ in the world. You have provided a place where the Good News of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection have been proclaimed publicly and regularly in word and sacrament. You have lived out Matthew 25, providing clothes for the naked, and quilts for the cold. You have provided care for the sick, visited the lonely, and comforted the grief stricken. You have fed the hungry. I am confident the fact that you fed many of them lutefisk will not be held against you in the final judgment. (Just kidding. You should get bonus points for doing a really good lutefisk supper!)

On behalf of the Northeastern Iowa Synod and the ELCA, I offer thanks to God and to you for 150 years of faithful ministry at Grace Lutheran. I am grateful for your partnership in the Gospel now and always.

I pray that you have a Spirit-filled day of fellowship and joy in thanksgiving for all the ways you have been blessed to be a blessing in Hanlontown, in Northeastern Iowa, and the world.

With a Peace of the Spirit

Rev. Kevin T. Jones, Bishop



**Congregational Coordinator** - Marilyn Colby served as Grace's secretary for many years. After her retirement, Kathie Gayther took over until December 31, 2009, handling bulletins and newsletters. Upon her resignation, we began sharing these tasks with Bethlehem. Suzanne Rye then became our Congregational Coordinator, responsible for submitting bulletin and newsletter content to Bethlehem and managing other duties like the annual report, mail distribution, and record-keeping. Suzanne resigned in July 2022, and Julie Losee is now our Grace Congregational Coordinator. Julie also serves as the secretary for Bethlehem Lutheran and is an important support for Pastor Linda.

**Grace Treasurer and Custodians** - Kevin Bidne took over as Grace Treasurer from Bob Michaelis in 2022. Marilyn Colby was treasurer before Bob. Kevin and Cindy Bidne are our custodians. Kevin and Cindy have served many years on the church council. Many of those years Kevin served as president of the council and Cindy served as secretary of the council.



**Council** - Representing the congregation in 2024 are President Jeff Leerar, Vice president Donovan Smidt, Secretary Cindy Bidne, Kevin Bidne, Connie Taylor, Sandra Scholbrock, Pat Moretz, Crystal Brower and Peter Brattrud.



**Front Row: Cindy and Kevin Bidne**  
**Back Row: Peter Brattrud and Jeff Leerar**  
 Missing is Donovan Smidt



**Front Row: Sandra Scholbrock and Pat Moretz**  
**Back Row: Connie Taylor and Crystal Brower**  
 Future council member is Jocelyn Moretz

## Organists

In 1999, hymn accompaniment was shared by four players: Jennifer Klooster, Marolyn Brodersen, Jonathan Korth, and Faith Bartels. Faith became the sole organist from 1999 until 2017, when Marolyn Brodersen, Scott Magnuson, and Carol Rye joined in. Currently, Carol and Faith share Sunday duties.



**Scott Magnuson**



**Faith Bartels and Carol Rye**

## Joyful Noise Choir

Grace has a rich history of singers and organists who have dedicated themselves to providing uplifting music for our worship services. Membership of Grace's choir has ebbed and flowed throughout the years. The most current Grace Family Choir began in 2000 with Grace members of all ages in an "occasional" choir. The next year it was formally organized with Anne Magnuson as the director. In 2016 the name changed to Joyful Noise Choir. The choir sang at Lenten Services, Easter, Thanksgiving Eve, Christmas Eve and Sundays in-between.



A tradition of the Christmas Eve Service was Butch Niemi singing "O Holy Night". Through the years this "solo" took many forms: duet, trio, full choir. A huge undertaking for the choir was the production of a CD in 2004. The name of this CD is "Grace Lutheran's Greatest Tracks". Randi Snyder, Pastor Kris's wife, organized and led the choir at that time. In 2006 the choir blossomed into a joint choir with Bethlehem in Manly following the forming of Hope United Parish.

Members from Bethlehem, Elk Creek, Bethany and Grace form a mini-choir that sings for the YouTube videos produced each week. For Grace's 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration these choir members came together to sing for our celebration worship service. While we may be small, our enjoyment at "just plain singing" has brought many hours of "joyful noises" to the congregation and the choir members.

## Grace Lutheran 150th Anniversary Celebration

At Grace's annual meeting in January 2024, a committee was established to plan events commemorating the formation of Grace Lutheran Church 150 years earlier. Our first meeting took place in April, when we brainstormed potential events for the year. We subsequently narrowed these events down to a joint service at Brush Point Cemetery with Fertile Lutheran and a celebratory Sunday encompassing a worship service, a catered meal, and a program. We also decided to create a history book, a signature quilt, and a congregational photo.

### Fertile Lutheran and Grace Lutheran Joint Worship Service

On Sunday, August 25, 2024, a joint worship service was held at Brush Point Cemetery with Fertile Lutheran and Grace Lutheran to celebrate the February 16, 1874 formation of Fertile Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Church.



At the 2024 Joint Service Pastor Mary Findlay of Fertile Lutheran and Pastor Linda Johnson Prestholt of Grace led the service.





Brush Point Cemetery was also established later in 1874. The growing congregation eventually divided, with Fertile Lutheran Church built in west Fertile and Brush Point Church east of the cemetery.

This photo shows the church that was eventually built at Brush Point Cemetery. Brush Point Church moved to Hanlontown in 1910 and was renamed Grace Lutheran in the 1950s.

A potluck meal followed at Grace Lutheran, featuring delicious food, great attendance, and good fellowship with our neighbors.



### 150th Celebration Sunday

On Sunday, September 29, 2024, the 150th Worship Celebration was conducted. Former pastors included Pastor Paul Ostrem and Pastor Kris Snyder. Assistant to the Bishop Rev. Liz Bell came to represent the Northeastern Iowa Synod of the ELCA.



The Hope United Joyful Noise Choir, seen here rehearsing before the service, contributed their singing talents to the event, and the WAGS children performed as well.



Pastor Linda delivered the sermon, and the visiting clergy assisted by reading lessons and aiding in communion.

Immediately following, Clayton Rye took a congregational photo before we proceeded downstairs for a delicious meal catered by Smokee Heights. The meal was paid for by a memorial donation given in memory of Carrol Jean (Furness) Michaelis. The Hanlontown Community Club made the ice cream we had with an anniversary cake for dessert.



Following the meal, we had a program that started with visiting clergy sharing their thoughts and memories. Faith Bartels wrote a historical skit performed by several Grace members with Scott Magnuson in the lead role.

Carol Rye and Clayton Rye led us in a bracket-style game to select our favorite hymn which turned out to be "How Great Thou Art."

We concluded with a piano and vocal performance by Scott Magnuson. He sang "Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart" from our hymnal. The music was composed in 1577 and chosen by Scott to connect the history of Grace Lutheran with the broader history of the Christian church. This marked the end of our planned activities for the day.

The Colors of Love Quilt and Banner Display was available during the day in the education unit. The display featured quilt tops made by our 103-year-old quilter, Mavis Olson, and banners made by our banner artist, Marilyn Niemi, and Sunday School/Confirmation youth throughout the years.

The day was highly successful! We extend our gratitude to those who helped serve the meal and cleaned up afterward. Special thanks to those who participated in the skit and all the members of the Hope United Joyful Noise Singers and WAGS children. Leftover food was donated to the Manly Senior Center, and loose offerings were designated to WAGS.

### **150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary History Book**

Bob Michaelis updated material from the 100th anniversary book. Clayton and Suzanne Rye have picked up where the 125<sup>th</sup> history book left off drawing from Clayton's photo file. Pastor Linda Johnson Prestholt, Linda Fulton and Faith Bartels also contributed. The book is available in hard copy and as a PDF on our website, [hopeunitedparish.com](http://hopeunitedparish.com)

### **150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Memorial Quilt**

A memorial signature quilt top was created by Julie Losee featuring colorful blocks in the shape of crosses with plain blocks in the background. The quilt was on display during much of 2024 giving members a chance to sign a block.



## Oldest and Youngest Members

Here is our oldest member, Mavis Olson who is 103 years old, holding our youngest members, Beau Luther and Walker Eldean, twin sons of Hunter and Katie Lipp. Grandparents are Ryan and Sara Garnas and Great-Grandfather is Eldean Garnas.



## 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee Members



The committee included:

Front Row: Julie Losee, Sherry Backhaus, Stan Backhaus, Kevin Bidne

Back Row: Faith Bartels, Bob Michaelis, Suzanne Rye, Clayton Rye, and Cindy Bidne

Absent: Jeff Leerar, Pastor Linda Johnson Prestholt

## The Story of Hope United Parish

Hope United Parish had its start as an idea when Grace Lutheran was served by David Werges and then Kris Snyder. After meeting with the Northeastern Iowa Synod officials and other geographical parishes and churches, Lauri Petersburg, the committee president, called for a vote by the church members to decide if they supported being part of a geographical parish. The vote was held December 12, 2004 and passed with an overwhelming majority.

The next step was the formation of a call committee made up of members of Bethlehem Lutheran of Manly and Grace Lutheran. Pastor Linda Johnson Prestholt, who had served at Grace Lutheran a few years earlier, was called to be the pastor of the new geographical parish in 2006.

Each church would have a Sunday service, one at 9:00 AM and the second at 10:30 AM. Worship times change every January 1, June 1, and September 1 so if Grace has 9 AM church this summer, next year we have 10:30 AM church in the summer months.

The geographical parish agreement stated each congregation would have its own Easter and Christmas service and tradition. That means that we will have Easter or Christmas Eve without Pastor Linda when it is her turn to be at one of the other churches. It has worked out fine.



Lenten services would rotate between churches with Ash Wednesday and Good Friday at Bethlehem and Maundy Thursday at Bethlehem at 2 PM and at Grace at 7 PM.

A committee from Grace and Bethlehem was formed to start a parish web page in 2012. Bob Michaelis created and updates the [hopeunitedparish.com](http://hopeunitedparish.com) website. Bob makes sure Pastor Linda and our church offices have working computers.

To help us get to know each other, Suzzanne Rye started a Facebook page for Hope United Parish. At first, we had several editors but now Pastor Linda is the one who updates Facebook. At the same time we established a Gmail account and an online Google calendar.

Confirmation classes began with Grace and Bethlehem in one class. Later, Pastor Tom Martin of Elk Creek Lutheran Church asked to share confirmation as he had a class of one person that year. Pastor Linda and Pastor Martin partnered in leading the confirmation program for Elk Creek, Bethany, Bethlehem and Grace for many years. The classes rotate between locations, and each session begins with a meal.



When Pastor Martin approached retirement age, he asked Pastor Linda if it might be possible to merge the two Kensett churches into Hope United Parish with Bethlehem and Grace. The four church councils began discussions with the congregation members. A committee was formed, and a working agreement was written. On April 1, 2021, all four congregations voted to approve the agreement to become a 4-point parish. Pastor Martin retired on May 16, 2021. On July 1, 2021 we officially became a parish with four congregations: Grace Lutheran, Bethlehem Lutheran, Bethany Lutheran and Elk Creek Lutheran.

When Hope United Parish grew from two congregations to four, how will Sunday services be held with only one pastor? The answer was the Parish was blessed with lay people who would also lead Sunday services. These include Steve O'Neil, retired pastor Mark Walker, Julainne Jarvis, Carolyn Loftaas, Justin Sprung and Faith Bartels. Sadly, two of our lay leaders have passed away, Ron Parker and Aaron Woltzen, both greatly missed. With four churches and, typically, four Sundays in a month, each church can have communion monthly.

The Northeastern Iowa Synod has started a program to educate lay leaders to help with the shortage of ordained pastors. Steve O'Neil has been certified as a SAM (Synodical Authorized Minister) and he can fill in for or assist Pastor Linda as needed. Julaine Jarvis is currently in the program.



Due to the Covid 19 pandemic, an online church service was posted by Pastor Linda and her daughter, Amy Prestholt, the first Sunday of shutdown. Since then, Pastor has called together an organist, singers, and videographer Clayton Rye weekly to record a Sunday worship service that Suzzanne Rye uploads to YouTube. Besides having faithful viewers from whether across the street or anywhere in the world, other benefits have included the creation of a parish choir and building relationships among the members of the four churches. Here we record at Bethany.

In 2003 Grace joined with Fertile Lutheran to have day camp with counselors from Riverside Bible Camp. After that one year, Bethlehem and Grace joined together.



Counselors from Riverside Bible Camp come every year to lead our Vacation Bible School. One year we meet at Grace and the next year Bethlehem hosts VBS. The preschool students meet in the morning, and the older kids meet from 9-2 with lunch and bussing provided. Due to the support of our congregations, there is no fee for the students to attend, and we have many non-members join us. On the last day of VBS, we have an evening program to share what they learned.

At Christmastime we combine the Giving Tree from Grace and the Angel Tree from Bethlehem to buy Christmas presents for families of children attending Central Springs School District. On average we buy about 100 gifts for 10 families each year. The last two years, we have partnered with Bethel United Methodist Church and Sacred Heart to reach even more families. Gift cards for food are also donated to the families. Grace contributes regularly to Manna of Worth County. We also donate to drives held by Bethlehem such as for diapers and suitcases.

Our parish supports the Youth Gatherings every three years. In 2024, Pastor Linda led a group to New Orleans, July 16-20. This group included chaperones and youth from Grace and Elk Creek.



Our Parish council decided that all our congregations should recite our mission statement at the end of worship every Sunday. *“Our mission is to fulfill Christ’s great commission: to go forth and make disciples of all peoples through worship, service, and ministry to others, in our community and throughout the world.”*

In the spirit of our mission statement, Pastor Linda ministers beyond the four churches, officiating funerals, weddings and baptisms for people who are not members.



On October 8, 2017, a joint worship service for members of Grace and Bethlehem was held at Bethlehem to celebrate the 30-year anniversary of Pastor Linda’s ordination. She was ordained on October 4, 1987, at Christ Lutheran Church in Glencoe, Minnesota. This photo of Pastor Linda and her husband David Prestholt was taken at the celebration. We are grateful to Pastor Linda’s ministry and leadership which enables the congregations of Grace, Elk Creek, Bethany and Bethlehem to keep our doors open.



## Grace Altar Guild

We always light candles to signify the beginning of worship and to remind us 'The Lord is my Light.' The members of the Grace Altar Guild make certain we always have candles to light for worship, weddings, baptisms, Advent, and Christmas Eve. It is one of their many jobs besides setting up for Holy Communion. Our members serve for a month or two each year.

Marilyn Niemi has designed and sewn many banners to enhance our worship setting. She has also made sure we have enough lilies for Easter Sunday. Teresa Niemi was instrumental in selecting our Christmas trees and making the decorations for the trees. Our sanctuary is always so pretty for Christmas eve candlelight service.

We were excited to add new members who help set up for Holy Communion and put up the banner for baptism, confirmation and funerals. Current members of the Altar Guild include Marilyn Niemi, Sandra Scholbrock, Linda Fulton, Shelly Rye, Sarah Hagen, Amanda Orlowski, Nicole Knudson, Chrismar Colvin, and Kevin and Cindy Bidne.





## Grace's Sunday School Program

For many of the 150 years, Grace has had an active Sunday School on Sunday mornings, with a superintendent, several teachers, and classes for each grade, including preschool. Attendance over the years was dwindling due to a lack of volunteers and participants, especially after the Christmas program each year.

A group met in the fall of 2019, after a church service, to discuss a solution. Several ideas were discussed, and one idea was to hold Sunday School with a light supper on Wednesday evenings. Marilyn Niemi came up with the name WAGS (Wednesday at Grace School).

A poll was posted on our Facebook page, and several parents voted for Wednesday evenings.

Our first WAGS meeting was held on Wednesday, November 6, 2019, with volunteers preparing and serving a light supper. Faith Bartels and Linda Fulton led the all age group of preschool through fifth graders for the first two years in music, Bible lessons, crafts and games with an emphasis on serving others by taking offerings.

Nicole Knudson and Sarah Hagen took over the lead with helpers Shelly Rye, Charlie Colvin, Linda Fulton, and Chrismar Colvin leading music and bells.

Sandra Scholbrock has been the head food preparer, with several volunteers, most recently Sherry Backhaus and Jaimie Haugland. We have been blessed with memorial gifts, donations, and Thrivent Cards from members to offset the cost of the weekly meals.



Our offerings have included a monetary gift to Zambia for the Land of Hope Orphanage, Personal Care Kits for the local food shelf, goats and flocks of chicks through ELCA Good Gifts, Personal Care Kits for LWR, and a portion of a safe water project and hygiene kits through ELCA Good Gifts.

Attendance at WAGS has grown over the years. We have had several guests demonstrating how different vocations serve God by serving others.

This year, 2023-24, we had 21 children in the program from Hanlontown and the surrounding area. This completed our fifth year.



## WELCA, Grace Circle, Grace Quilting

### Pins and Needles

The Sacrament of Holy Communion has always been central to our worship services at Grace, reminding us of the importance of fellowship and including our neighbors at our table. The women of Grace enjoy fellowship when we gather to assemble quilts, when we sit around a table to study the Bible, when we join the others to make lefse, and when we help serve the annual lutefisk meal.

**WELCA** – Donna Hagen is our WELCA president, but we no longer participate in the cluster, synod, or national meetings. WELCA ladies serve funeral lunches when requested. Sherry Backhaus and Sandra Scholbrock organize the help and food for those meals. The Fundraising committee has taken over the job of raising money for special projects for our church building. WELCA members help with the lutefisk meal and chicken BBQ.

**Grace Circle** – We meet the third Wednesday of every month, and Pastor Linda leads our Bible study using Gather magazine. Jean Michaelis was the person who kept us organized for many of the past 25 years until her health forced her to resign.

Donna Kennedy is now our Circle Chairman. Suzzanne Rye took over the treasurer job from Muriel Bergan and then the secretary duties from Marilynn Colby.

In December we have our Christmas party and a cookie exchange that includes our making cookie plates for our shut-ins. We always meet in November to make cookies for the lutefisk meal as well as making cookies, rosettes, krumkake, and rommegrot at home for the meal.



In 2023, we closed our check book after a long tradition of raising funds at the Norwegian Heritage Bazaar and donating money to many causes.

We have served many Lenten meals, but that changed when we rotate Lenten services with Bethlehem, Elk Creek and Bethany Lutheran churches.



**Grace Quilting** – Marilyn Niemi leads our group with help from our quilt artist, Mavis Olson. Mavis continues to supply us with tops she creates at home with donated fabric. Marilyn has rescued many quilt tops that are donated to us. Suzanne applies for Thrivent Action Team grants to keep us supplied with batting and t-shirts. During the past 25 years we have donated 620 quilts, 288 baby care kits, and 230 personal care kits to Lutheran World Relief. We donate a quilt to the Lutheran Retirement Home Bazaar each fall. When a baby is baptized at Grace, the child receives a small quilt from the quilters. We donate a quilt to the Riverside Bible Camp quilt auction each year.

**Pins and Needles**, a prayer shawl ministry of Hope United Parish, was started in June 2010 and at first met both at Bethlehem and Grace. We supplied Pastor Linda with many prayer shawls for her to give to people in need of a physical reminder of God’s care and love. We spent many enjoyable afternoons knitting and crocheting together, but due to the age of the crafters, we no longer meet. As part of this group, Shirley Lindflott and Karen Ruble crocheted many colorful baby blankets for the baby care kits.

Marilyn Niemi and Hannalore Furness sewed dozens of night gowns from t-shirts. Linda Fulton, Hannelore, and Connie Taylor created baby blankets and diapers from bolts of flannel.





Linda Fulton, Sherry Backhaus, and Jean Michaelis shopped for baby clothes from thrift stores. We all looked forward to baby kit assembly day which included a lunch provided by the Thrivent grant. The ladies had fun trying to color coordinate the clothes and blankets, adding bars of soap before folding in a blanket, and fastening with diaper pins.

For many years, Jean Michaelis packed our kits and quilts in boxes and delivered them to the ingathering truck in Mason City. Jean shopped for and assembled many school kits.



## Memorial Committee

At Grace's January 2012 annual meeting, a memorial committee was appointed to identify needs of our congregation and determine how we can use money from our Memorial Fund to meet some of these needs. Most funds given to the Memorial Fund have not been designated. During the past years we have made purchases which have solved problems and have enhanced our worship.

The Committee has appreciated the generosity and interest of the congregation in helping with donations and decisions about the use of the fund.



**Faith Bartels, Marilyn Niemi, Linda Fulton**

The original committee consisted of the following members: Marilyn Colby, Marie Colby, Marilyn Niemi, Mike Kennedy and Connie Taylor.

Today the committee is made up of: Marilyn Niemi, Mike Kennedy, Connie Taylor, Linda Fulton and Faith Bartels.



Our illuminated steeple invites us to evening worship services and directs our gaze toward the cross. We have recently added an oak tree, an outdoor patio with picnic table by the education unit entrance, and planters and a bench near the front door.

Enhancements to our worship experience include sound systems, Christmas paraments, Christmas trees, televisions, hymnals, and an electronic keyboard.

Upgrades such as new cabinets and fixtures in the sacristy and education unit bathrooms, shelving in the quilting room, and a cabinet for music storage contribute to the functionality of our building.

The memorial committee allocates funds to our youth activities, Brush Point Cemetery, and the Grace Endowment Fund. To see a complete listing of memorial purchases check out the Memorial Fund book kept in the new display cabinet in the narthex.



## Fundraising Committee

Fundraising at Grace originated with WELCA – raising funds for missions and for church improvements.

For many, many years the women sponsored the Norwegian Heritage Bazaar which featured lots of lefse, Grandma's Attic, Cookie Corner, and homemade crafts for sale. These funds were used to support ventures outside of the church such as Riverside Bible Camp, Waldorf College, World Hunger, Manna of Worth County, Lutheran Social Services of Iowa, Samaritan's Purse, Nepal Social Service, KCMR Radio, and Hospice of North Iowa.

This bazaar included a brunch to raise funds for church projects. This was organized for many years by Ardie Haugen and Marilyn Brosdahl. In 2007 Diane Garnas and Sherry Backhaus took over heading up this brunch.



In 2014, after a lot of thought, the bazaar and brunch were retired leaving two events for the major fundraising – chicken BBQ and lutefisk dinner.

**1998** Grace had a Special Project Fund to raise money to update the education unit roof. One of the first events to raise funds for this project was a Roof Raisin' Chicken Barbeque. This was held June 28, 1998.



Ardie Haugen plied the marinade recipe from a friend just one ingredient at a time. Soon she had the whole recipe which is still used today. At first the menu included chicken and potato salad, then later the baked beans were added. This first chicken BBQ raised \$1,559.25 plus \$600 from AAL matching funds.

There was a short gap and then the BBQ was started up in September 2004. Since then, the BBQ has been an annual event. In 2021 the event was moved to the Hanlontown City Park.





**2000** The annual lutefisk meal is the largest fundraiser for Grace. We began in 2000 to raise money for the special projects fund. This time the church was raising money to refurbish the sanctuary and narthex with carpeting and painting, installing air conditioning, and sheetrocking in the sanctuary. Total cost of the project was \$35,878.00. In October 2004 this fund was renamed simply Fundraising.

The WELCA women organized and served the first lutefisk dinner on December 19, 2000. Diane Garnas and Sherry Backhaus had approached Ardie and Bob Haugen to come up with a fund-raising idea and lutefisk was it.

This first lutefisk meal served 100 guests with two seatings – one at noon and one at six. This has grown to serving upwards of 300 guests with four seatings at 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM, 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM.

That first year the profit from the dinner was \$2,157.00. The most recent lutefisk dinner raised \$8,527.00. In 2021, the committee decided to tithe 10% of the proceeds. We give to local groups including Manna of Worth County, sheriff’s department “Shop With a Cop”, and Manly Senior Center.

The reputation of our lutefisk meal grew and we sell out tickets without any advertising. We can say we are ‘the best lutefisk meal in the area.’ Many of our guests return every year, coming as family groups and friend groups. We take care to be certain they are seated together. Eldean Garnas sells the tickets, Teresa Niemi takes care of the seating arrangements, and Ardie Haugen sells pickled herring.

Lefse is made ahead of time and frozen. There are three or four sessions that begin in September. The goal is to make enough lefse so that no guest runs out. This means making upwards of 600 individual pieces of lefse. Of course, there are rejects which are thoroughly enjoyed by the group during their coffee break.



Our lefse recipe was submitted to the Grace Norwegian Heritage Cookbook by Viola Rye. We follow the tradition of cooling the lefse well before packaging, so it does not stick together.





About twenty men, women, and children take part in these fun sessions.

Many return every year, including non-members.



Besides being part of the fundraising effort, it is also a fellowship group. We regret we cannot show all the faces of all the hard workers who make the meal possible.



A rookie lefse group was begun in October 2004, and the “rookies” continue to make the lefse for this meal and encouraging the next generation to participate.



The menu includes lutefisk, Swedish meatballs with gravy, mashed potatoes, sweet corn, mashed rutabaga, cranberry salad, lefse, and rolls all served with lots of melted butter. David Prestholt makes the gravy for the meatballs, Jean Brattrud mixed the cranberry salad for many years, and Diane Garnas had been in charge of the corn.





Members begin their preparation in the summer by growing and freezing local sweet corn and homegrown rutabagas for the meal.



The waiters and the kitchen staff at the meals are dedicated to their positions and some even take time off from work each year to attend this annual event. The kitchen members have stations that they attend to such as mashed potatoes, meatballs, sweet corn, cranberry salad, and a runner who gets the food items needed by the waiters.

The waiters personally serve their tables with family style presentation. Bowls of mashed potatoes, platters of lutefisk, and pitchers of melted butter are passed around the table by the guests. The waiters' goal is to make sure everyone gets as much food as they want and to keep our guests full and happy.



Bob Haugen first taught Butch Niemi, Eldean Garnas and Stan Backhaus the secrets to keeping the lutefisk tender but firm.

Now Butch, Eldean and Stan are teaching the younger generation to keep this tradition going.





Some members have held a certain station for so long that they are given a name. For many years Ralph Jennings was the “Butter Man.” Now Clayton Rye has been gifted with that title.

Jeanine Kockler sold herring for many years.



For dessert, we pass a tray of fancy cookies, rosettes, kringla, and krumkake to eat with a cup of rommegrot made using recipes from our cookbook. Sherry Backhaus keeps the dessert ladies organized in the Ed Unit while Linda Fulton dishes up the rommegrot. We also arrange folded lefse on plates.



2010 brought the first annual David Meier Memorial Chili Cook-off Contest. This has been going since then and is strictly a fun event. Friendly rivalry for the best chili is its hallmark. Funds raised go the youth.



2019 In September of 2019 a fundraising committee was officially formed so that there could be more planning and assessing of the fundraisers which include a meatball dinner, chili cook-off, chicken BBQ, and the lutefisk meal the Thursday before Thanksgiving.

Committee members are Stan and Sherry Backhaus, Butch Niemi, Kevin and Cindy Bidne, Jeff Leerar, Faith Bartels, Connie Taylor, Sandra Scholbrock, and Nicole Knudson.



## Property Improvements

Maintaining and improving the church and education unit is a major focus for the Property and Management Committee of the Grace Church Council. Through discussion and collaboration these needs are met.

The church building was built in 1891, and the education unit was built in 1966. Time marches on and diligence on upkeep and improvements are paramount.

Since the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 1999, there have been many improvements and updates to the church and education unit. Some have been major, but mostly minor updates. Some of these changes have been discussed for years by the council – only to result in a much better solution. One example of this is the kitchen remodel. This started years before with discussions on how to solve a water problem in the kitchen. It was found that the foundation needed repairing and a better system of handling rain run-off needed to be addressed. Since the kitchen would be ripped apart for this foundation work, a committee formed to remodel the whole kitchen. What resulted was a more spacious, workable kitchen and the relieving of the water problem!



Through all these years, a host of volunteers still help to maintain the grounds and building – with lawnmowing, snow removal, and spring/fall cleaning. There have been dedicated janitors who weekly keep the church and education unit up to snuff. These have been Diane Garnas and Sherry Backhaus, Lauren Ebbers, Beth Moon and currently Kevin and Cindy Bidne.

Following is a year by year list of improvements. Most of these projects have been supported by money from the Improvement Fund, General Fund, or Memorial Fund and by specific donations made by parishioners when the need arises. Grace has also utilized the grant process for generous funding from Worth County Development Authority (WCDA). which has helped cover a large portion of the costs of a few large projects.

- 2000** Parsonage roof replaced
- 2001** Paint and carpet the sanctuary and narthex; side lights for sanctuary; new furnaces and air conditioning for sanctuary
- 2003** Paint inside of parsonage
- 2006** Replaced sidewalk in front of church; steeple lighting installed
- 2009** New roof on church; gutters; sidewalk replaced at the west entrance to the education unit; chimney removed; replaced chair lift.
- 2010** Repaired stained-glass windows and added storm windows; two stoves added to kitchen; Outside of parsonage primed and painted
- 2012** New roof on parsonage
- 2013** New cupboards and overhead cabinet/sink in sacristy
- 2016** Furnace/air replaced at parsonage; television for dining room; storage shed built by Alex Prestholt; committee formed to remodel kitchen and address ongoing water problem in kitchen
- 2017** Kitchen remodel completed with help from WCDA grant; rebuilt stairs from kitchen to education unit
- 2018** New refrigerator; television in education unit donated by Bob and Jean Michaelis; Internet and Wi-Fi added
- 2019** New chairlifts with WCDA grant; new front doors; old doors installed at education unit entryway; lights replaced in education unit bathrooms; janitors closet built in education unit entryway

- 2022** Gutters/downspouts for education unit; new sidewalk south and west of church with WCDA grant and donations; education unit updates with painting and patio
- 2023** Picnic table by the education unit

It is through the generous giving of the congregation that these projects have been completed. The grant process with WCDA is another avenue to aid in accomplishing these goals.

The church and education unit are in excellent condition thanks to the diligence of many people through the years.



## Brush Point Cemetery

At the time the Fertile Evangelical Lutheran Congregation (now Fertile & Grace) was organized in 1874 the women of the congregation saw a need for a cemetery. A committee of five members was elected to select a suitable site for a cemetery, and what is now known as Brush Point Cemetery was chosen. The land was purchased 1874 from J.C. Calhoun by K. Paulson who deeded it to the Norwegian Lutheran Society of Fertile (Township).



There are few records on Brush Point's history between 1874 and 1942. There is a section of the cemetery used during that period where there are non-recorded burials. Grave locations are unknown because they are unmarked, and no map of the area has been found. Could this be because of the 1918-19 Spanish Flu epidemic? We know that the Norwegian Lutheran Society of Fertile and later the Ladies Aid Society operated the cemetery during that period. Burial plots were free for members of the churches. Lots containing 16 graves were assigned to families with the family then responsible for maintenance. Later when it became obvious the family would never use all the graves, unused graves were assigned to other families. When it became necessary to hire maintenance annual dues were charged. Records show that at one time there were at least 82 families & individuals paying dues. By 1939 there were only 37. It had increased to 49 in 1945 the last year dues were collected.

In the early 1940's a committee was formed to plan the future operation of the cemetery and its growth. An engineering company was hired to map the current cemetery and with consideration of the existing graves create lots of 16 graves wherever possible. For future growth 2 acres of land behind the existing cemetery was donated to Fertile and Grace Lutheran. One half acre of this was developed in 2002. By-Laws were enacted creating a Board consisting of 3 members of Grace Lutheran and 3 members of Fertile Lutheran to operate the cemetery. Changes to these By-Laws must be approved at the Annual Meetings of both Fertile Lutheran and Grace Lutheran. In 2018 changes were made eliminating free graves for members that had not previously reserved them.

While Brush Point is a church cemetery, burial rights for a specific person or persons have been sold to nonmembers since at least the early 1940's although ownership of the land remains with the churches.

Have you heard stories saying that certain people did not live lives that met the standards of society of that time so they could not be buried in a church cemetery. They had to be buried, so they entered the cemetery over the back fence. There may be evidence of that here as there are several graves in the south-west corner of the cemetery that the placement of, along the fence, indicates they were squeezed in even though there was lots of space available.

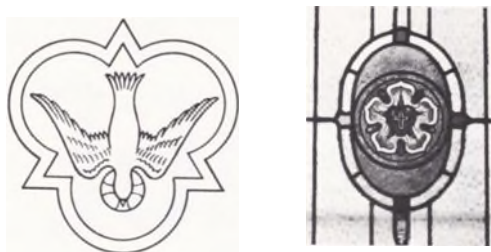


In 2024 a grant from the Worth County Development Authority (WCDA) was used to pave the cemetery's driveways.

2024 Brush Point Board members: Grace Lutheran: Robert Michaelis, Kevin Bidne and David Haugen. Fertile Lutheran: Tim Severson, Allen Severson and Arlyn Midtgaard.

## History of Grace Lutheran Church

Grace Lutheran Church of Hanlontown, Iowa, observes its sesquicentennial in the year 2024, marking one hundred fifty years of organized ministry in the area. Our church history truly has its beginnings in Jerusalem where the Christian church was begun with the coming of the Holy Spirit in the first century; in Germany in 1517 where Martin Luther, as a great servant of God, brought reformation of false doctrines that had accumulated during the passing centuries; and in the Scandinavian countries, from where the local pioneers came.



These early settlers in the south and west part of Worth County, Iowa, had professed the Lutheran faith in their homeland of Norway. They brought with them their Bible and Salmebog and a desire to worship with others. At first, Lutheran services were conducted periodically by neighboring pastors, including Rev. Ole Dalager and Rev. T. A. Torgerson. There is a record of a service in the home of Andreas Grove in 1870.

It was on February 16, 1874, that our congregation was officially begun. The site of the organization was Platt schoolhouse, halfway between the present towns of



Hanlontown and Fertile. The Rev. J. M. Dahl, who was ministering to several churches in the area, presided at the meeting. He read from Philippians 2 and offered prayer.

The naming of the new congregation was patterned after the then-existing township area and the members chose to be called the Fertile Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Church. There were seven charter-member families:

Ole Pederson-Dokken, Knut Olson-Bratrud, Thomas Olson-Bratrud, Andreas Anderson-Grove, Gulbrand Olsen-Hovland, Aslak Stenerson-Mastrei, Halvor A. Halvorson and two unmarried men, Ole Thovson and Aslak Olson-Bratrud. By 1876, there were 29 families and four single men.

In the year of organization, a cemetery site was chosen, and this Brush Point Cemetery is still jointly cared for by Grace Lutheran and Fertile Lutheran congregations.

The Rev. J. M. Dahl was called to be the first pastor. His salary was partly in cash and partly farm grains. In 1875, he received \$65.00 in cash, twenty-six bushels of wheat, twenty bushels of oats and twelve bushels of corn.



**Pastor and Mrs. Dahl-1874-92**

Worship services for the congregation were held in the Platt schoolhouse and later in the so-called creamery hall in Fertile. As the community became more thickly settled and church membership grew, the issue of erecting a church building was discussed. The Village of Fertile had by this time been started and the members on the west and south of the parish preferred the church be built in Fertile. Those living in the east and north sections preferred the site near Brush Point Cemetery.

After seventeen years, the original parish was divided in 1891. Those on the west assumed a new name, the Village of Fertile Norwegian Lutheran Congregation. The members on the east side (Grace Lutheran's predecessors), continued under the original name, Fertile Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Church, and immediately built a church near Brush Point Cemetery.

The church was built on the east of Brush Point Cemetery in 1891. N. N. Storre was the contractor for the 34' x 48' building with a 10' x 10' entrance. The walls were finished with narrow wooden boards. Albert Monson was the finisher. He built the altar, the baptismal font and the pulpit.

These chancel furnishings are still used today. A great brass ball was placed near the point of the steeple. The form of this ball was hand-made of wood and the whole covered with brass. This ball was removed in 1949 and was still in a fair state of preservation. Seventeen pews were purchased in 1898 for \$130 and three Belgian lamps for \$11.92. Original receipts are still available. A bell was purchased in 1897.



*Translation of Inscription  
Fertile Norwegian Lutheran Church  
"Stand up, bless the Lord your God"  
Nehemiah 9:5*

The peal of our church bell first sounded through the countryside in 1897 when the bell was installed in the steeple of the church as it stood on its original site at Brush Point Cemetery.

The original freight receipt gives the bell's weight at 1,500 pounds. The cost was \$245.



*The Church at Brush Point*

For many years the bell was rung at least a half hour before the time of the service, as well as at the start of the service. Today the bell is rung at the beginning of the worship service, and it is tolled three times at the close. Until about 25 years ago, upon hearing of the

death of a member, the bell was tolled the age of the person.

The bell was joyously rung to mark the end of World War I and for other national observances.



**Freight receipt for bell**



**Original Interior**  
"How lovely is Thy dwelling, Lord of Hosts."

Rev. O. O. Wold was temporarily called to serve the congregation in 1892 when the Rev. J. M. Dahl resigned. Pastor Wold was serving the Fertile-Clear Lake parish at the time. He remained until 1896.

Rev O. O. Wold  
1893-1896



Church in Hanlontown

After being temporarily called in 1896, Rev. L. O. Pederson of Kensett was later installed as permanent pastor when our congregation united with the Kensett-Elk Creek parish. Pastor Pederson continued until his retirement in 1913. He is buried in the Elk Creek Cemetery.



Pastor L. O. Pederson and family-1896-1913

The Town of Hanlontown was founded on the Chicago-Northwestern Railroad in 1899.



This encouraged the moving of the church building into Hanlontown in 1910.

At the annual meeting in 1922, the name of the church was changed to Hanlontown Evangelical Lutheran Congregation. Dropping the Norwegian title was significant of the language transition to English which had been a gradual change.

The Rev. Thor Sigmond succeeded Pastor Pederson and served from 1914-1925. Pastor Sigmond continued in the ministry in the Elk Creek-Kensett parish until 1951 when he retired. He died in 1972 and was buried in Elk Creek Cemetery.



Pastor Sigmond and family-1914-1925

The Hanlontown Lutheran Church decided in 1925 to withdraw from the Kensett-Elk Creek parish and join the Village of Fertile and the Ellington parish. The new alignment was taken because there would be less travel distance.

Serving the new parish for brief periods were Rev. A. Huseby, temporary pastor 1925-26; Rev. M. Luthro, 1926-28; and the Rev. R. O. Hjelmeland, temporary pastor from 1928-30.



Rev. A. Huseby  
1925-1926

Rev. M. Luthro  
1926-1928

Rev. R. O. Hjelmeland  
1928-1930

The Rev. H. E. Okland was called in 1930 to serve the parish. In April, 1944, he left to serve a parish in Mylo, North Dakota. He retired in Forest City, Iowa, where he died in 1973. Mrs. Okland preceded him in death. They are buried in the cemetery at Rake.



Pastor and Mrs. H. E. Okland - 1930-44

The Rev. Benjamin Colvet was installed in September 1944. Serving until 1953, he was called to Duncombe and later to rural Estherville. He retired to live in Minneapolis where he served as visitation pastor. Pastor Colvet was killed in an auto-pedestrian accident in 1972 and is buried in Minneapolis.



Rev. B. Colvet and family-1944-53

In 1953, the congregation effected its decision to become a single unit and withdrew from the Village of Fertile and the Ellington parish.

The Rev. Norman R. Engebretson, a recent seminary graduate, was called to serve. He was married to Marjorie Norby in 1955. It was not until 1956 that the name of the congregation was changed to Grace Lutheran Church. Pastor Engebretson resigned in 1956 to establish a mission church in Vallejo, California. They left their pastorate in Superior, Wisconsin in 1973 to serve overseas for two years in Okinawa at Faith Lutheran Church.



Rev. and Mrs. Engebretson-1953-56

Interim Pastor  
Rev. Louis Hagen - 1956



The Rev. L. L. Petersen was installed in February 1957, as pastor of Grace Lutheran and served until November 1961. Their seventh child, Mark, was the first parsonage baby.



Rev. and Mrs. L. L. Peterson and family - 1957-61

Interim Pastor  
Rev. J. M. Haaland - 1962



The Rev. H. E. Sutter came to serve our parish in August 1962. He had recently married Geraldine Sunwall and their combined seven youngsters refilled the parsonage which the Petersens had recently vacated. Their son, Craig, was the second parsonage infant. Pastor Sutter resigned in 1971 to accept a call at West Union, Iowa.



Rev. and Mrs. Sutter and family-1962 -71

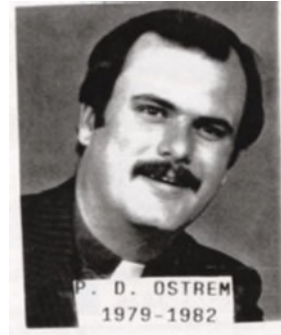
Rev. G. H. Brase arrived in 1971 from Rolfe, Iowa, to be our pastor. His last Sunday with us was February 11, 1979. Pastor Brase, Jeanette and family took a call to St. John's Lutheran and Huge Lutheran Churches in rural Decorah. He served there until he retired and moved to Nashua, IA. Pastor Brase died in 1992.



Rev. G. H. Brase family

Martin Thompson was Interim Pastor until July 1, 1979.

Pastor Paul Ostrem was installed as Pastor on July 1, 1979. Pastor Paul was newly ordained and single when he moved to Hanlontown. He was the first Pastor to be called by his first name. He stayed with us until 1982 when a farewell was held on September 26, 1982. He took a call to Preston, Iowa. He was married there in 1987 and is currently retired.



Pastor Paul Ostrem

Mark Halverson was Interim Pastor until February 1983

Pastor Bob Breseman was installed as pastor in February 1983. He, his wife Kay and young son, Bobby, were here until September of 1986. He then took a call to Rockwell City, Iowa. He has since served congregations in Tennessee and Florida.



Pastor Bob Breseman

Cliff Bruland and Randy Nielson were Interim Pastors until September of 1987.

Rev. James Sandvik was installed as Pastor in September 1987. He and his wife, Lois, came to Hanlontown from Sioux City, Iowa. He was with us until April of 1992 when he retired from the ministry.



Pastor Linda Johnson was Interim Pastor from April to October of 1992.

Rev. Linda Johnson was called as Pastor in October 1992. Pastor Linda was single when she moved into the parsonage with her dog, Muffin. On April 29, 1994, she married David Kite. They have three children, Amy, Aaron and Alex. Pastor Linda resigned in November 1998 to take a call to Lime Springs, Iowa.



After the departure of Pastor Kris once again David Bolstorff once more served our pulpit. Others that filled in when he was not available were the Reverends Jim Knutson, Steve Smith, Charleen Cox, Chuck Gavin, Jim Kapoun and Randy Nielson. On Sundays when a Pastor was unavailable Clayton Rye, Harvey Johnson and Don Meyer served as worship leaders.

In 2006 Pastor Linda Johnson Prestholt accepted a call to serve the newly formed Parish. Her first Sunday here was June 18, 2006.

Randy Nielson served again as Interim Pastor from November 1998 to August 1999.

Pastor David Werges was called to Grace Lutheran in August of 1999. His last Sunday here was November 17, 2002, when he took a call to Charles City, Iowa.



Pastor David Werges



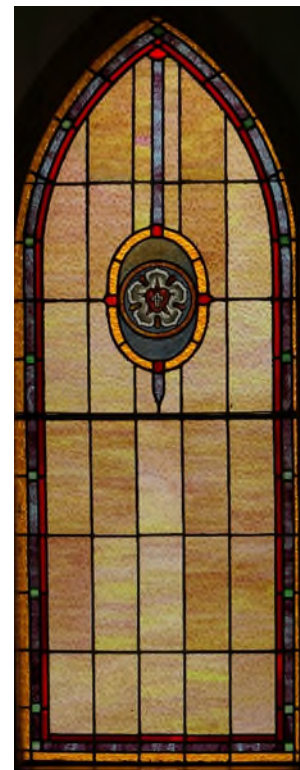
Pastor Linda Johnson Prestholt

After the departure of Pastor Werges, Pastor David Bolstorff and others served our pulpit. Pastor Randy Nielson taught the confirmation class and visited the shut-ins. Interim pastors were Reverends David Samuelson, Steve Smith & Lee Nelson.

A call was issued to Pastor Kris Snyder in July of 2003. He was installed on August 13, 2003. He and his spouse Randi were here until August 7, 2005.



Pastor Kris Snyder



## Synod Affiliation

Our congregation has been a member of a synod, a union of congregations, since about 1890 when it joined the newly organized *The United Norwegian Lutheran Church*. In 1917, this synod united with the Hauge Synod and the Norwegian Synod, to form *The Norwegian Lutheran Church of America*. Not until 1946 was the nationalistic title, "Norwegian" removed when the synod's name was changed to *The Evangelical Lutheran Church* (E.L.C.).

A merger was effected in 1960 of the E.L.C., the American Lutheran Church, the United Evangelical Lutheran Church, and the synod was named *The American Lutheran Church* (A.L.C.). The Lutheran Free Church later joined the group.

On January 18, 1987, Grace Lutheran Church voted to become part of the new *Evangelical Lutheran Church in America* (ELCA), a merger of the ALC, ELC and LCA.

## Remodeling of the Church

A complete remodeling of the church building, interior and exterior, was made in 1948-49. A 24' x 42' addition to chancel end of the church, provided for a new chancel with two rooms on each side, one to be used for a sacristy and the others for Sunday School. The size of the nave was increased by removal of partitions in the old sacristy and choir box. The metal sheathing which had been put on walls and ceiling in 1929 was replaced with nuwood with a 4 foot masonite wainscoting. A new kentile floor was put down. An addition was made to each side of church entrance to provide for a large coatroom and housing for an inside stairway to basement. Stained glass windows were dedicated in 1954.



1949 Church Remodel

On becoming a single unit parish, it was necessary to build a parsonage as we had never had one in town. The towns of Fertile and Kensett had been the residences of former pastors. Groundbreaking was held following installation services of Pastor Engebretson on June 14, 1953. Sam Hall, vice president of the congregation, turned the first shovel. The \$16,000 home was dedicated May 9, 1954, by the district president, V. T. Jordahl. On November 28 of the same year, when the congregation celebrated its 80th anniversary, the mortgage on the parsonage was burned.



Church with Education Unit & Parsonage – 1974

Groundbreaking was held on September 12, 1965 for a new education unit. It was dedicated on August 7, 1966, with Dr. F. W. Siefkes, District President, officiating. The architect for the unit was Richard McMullin of Des Moines, a former member of Grace Lutheran. The \$40,000 brick structure, 60' x 70', provides for 11 classrooms and a fellowship area with folding partitions for three additional classrooms. A 12' x 24' narthex connects the new unit with the church. The central fellowship area is used for general meetings where an altar with a large wooden cross also provides a worship area and altar.

In June of 1989 the congregation approved plans for a new narthex. The Narthex was dedicated on January 14, 1990 with Bishop L. David Brown officiating.



## The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

"Baptism is not simply water, but it is the water used according to God's command and connected with God's Word." (From an explanation to the Catechism by Grimsby.)

*"Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."*

Matthew 28:19

Names of baptized as they are recorded in the church records. Some names changed over time. For example: "Grove" appears to have been spelled as "Groven" or "Groven". Adults indicated by: \*A

### 2024

Briggs Dean Jones  
Amelia Grace Ewing  
Pierceson David Moretz  
Amber Lynn Glasscock \*A  
Brock Lynn Glasscock  
Shaelyn Ann Glasscock  
Jaxton Bronx Fobbs  
Kinsley Paige Ameling  
Avery Claire Anderson  
Rylie Michelle Haugland  
Beau Luther Lipp  
Walker Eldean Lipp

### 2023

Piper Grace Latch  
Steel Steven Latch  
Audrey Rose Mackedanz  
Natalynn Marie Nye

### 2022

Hunter Dalton Beville  
Kailor Lynn Anderson  
Grayson Alan Leake

### 2020

Tripp TeBockhorst  
Elliot Brenden Colvin

### 2019

Drake Mitchell Salisbury  
Liv Christine Maginnis

### 2018

Kase Isaac Henry Ebbers

### 2017

Jaydas Rae Salisbury  
Briley Rose Wickwire  
Brinly Marie Brower  
Arya Grace Hennigar  
Harrison Douglas Hennigar  
Tate James TeBockhorst  
Aspen Rae Beville

### 2016

Claire Elaine Niemi  
Lyla Ann Maginnis  
Bensyn Reid Kennedy  
Ruby Lou Dickes

### 2015

Brinley Sue Steinbrecher  
Ruby Carin Schmitz  
Brinley Marie Lickteig  
Henry Richard Brattrud  
Oliver Adam Bennett  
Jason Cole Ebbers \*A  
Jasper Michael Ebbers

### 2014

Bailey Jade Hill  
McKenzie Janette Hill  
Addison Marie Niemi  
William Robert Brattrud  
Corbin Mark Dickes  
Jacob Jay Jackson \*A  
Mary Elizabeth Jackson \*A  
Jacob Jay Jackson  
Lilian Elizabeth Jackson

### 2013

Breken LaVern Eggers  
Ella Jade Knudson  
Evelyn Claire Rye  
Bailey Rae Brower

### 2012

Audrey Quinn Rye  
Elizabeth Lois Brattrud  
Kessa Ann Fingalsen  
Berkli Jo Stenbrecher

### 2011

Lucy Hannah Lorenzen  
Brinley Alice Eggers

### 2010

Danielle Joy Schmitz  
Joshua W. Donald Leerar

### 2009

Grant Lewis Gayther  
Cale Tyler Lorenzen  
Jessa Evelyn Joy Leerar  
Cole Lane Hagen  
Cassie Kennedy  
Ariana Kennedy  
Emirick Leonard Eggers

### 2006

Steven C. Orłowski \*A  
Michael R. Orłowski \*A  
Lauren Orłowski  
Parker James Gayther  
Bruce Booker Ward  
Ian Wyatt Desoza  
Cameron Blake Desoza  
Alexus Hejna  
Barbara Young \*A  
Luka Young

### 2005

Kjersti Margit Snyder  
Addison Lynn Hejna

### 2004

Dalton S. Michael DeWitt

### 2003

Olivia Jean Gayther  
Kirsten Mae Garnas  
Madeline Marie Niemi  
Tori Marie Warren

### 2002

Jack Dennis Bergan  
Lauren Riley Colby  
Danielle Marie Hennigar  
Dustin Douglas Hennigar  
Samantha Jo Hennigar  
Daniel Ray Hennigar

### 2001

Hannah Marie Ausenus  
Seth Thomas Gayther

### 2000

David Isacc Ward  
Marissa Lanae Westfall  
Jamie Dierks  
Emily Dierks  
Courtney Johnson  
Tyler Johnson

### 1999

Alex Donald Prestholt  
Katie Grace Garnas  
Scott Norman Magnuson  
Christopher Boeset



1999 (cont)

Sadie Rose Sellers

### 1998

Callie Paige Maxwell  
Hailee Susanne Ausenus  
Samuel Robert Bergan  
Rebecca Lynn Bergan  
Christian Mikchel Perry  
Rachel Katherine Niemi  
Matthew Paul Moretz  
Kyra Danille Sorenson  
Michael Stephen Hill

### 1997

Samantha Maxine Tietjens  
Aaron David (Kite) Prestholt  
Danielle Victoria Coronado  
Courtney Sheridan Perry  
Haley Sue Harrison  
Emily Hannah Kennedy  
Kaitlin Flores  
Benjamin Flores  
Kaitlyn Paige Einertson  
Olivia Ann Marson  
Brian Loterbauer  
Danny Marson

### 1996

Keisha Marie Coronado  
Marissa Therese Hill  
Kaitlyn Noel Sorenson  
Emma-Fahey (Nicole)  
Heather Elizabeth Moore



**1995**

Meggie Renee Taylor  
 Jasmine Renee Cook  
 Paul Hazar Niemi  
 Katelyn Jo Scholbrock  
 Alexis Elaine Tietjens  
 Amy Ann (Kite) Prestholt  
 Brenden Carl Harrison  
 Jessica Ann-Marie Oliver  
 John Stephen Oliver  
 Allison Ann Petersburg  
 Heather Ranae Peckham  
 Abby Jolene McCaslin

**1994**

Emerald Ranae Schmidt  
 Colton James Schlie  
 Makayla Marie Garnas  
 Ryan Patrick Moretz

**1993**

Zachariah David Petersburg  
 Amanda Janette Fish  
 Heidi Louise Tufte  
 Ethan David Losee  
 Emmalea Joan Wells  
 Anthony Dakota Wells  
 Jonathan Clair Rausch

**1992**

Mariah Michelle Garnas  
 Andrea Haley Kennedy  
 Kelsey Lynn Sorenson  
 John Bryan Harringa  
 Crystal Marie Scholbrock

**1991**

Tyler James Zimmerman  
 Devin Richard Fish  
 Jennifer Dee Lund

**1990**

Jennifer Ann Mandt  
 Erin Alexis Flores  
 Bradley Robert Moretz  
 Joseph Gerhard Schmidt  
 Ashley Marie Alne  
 Ashley Licktieg

**1989**

Selena Mae Losee

**1988**

Madalyn Marie Taylor  
 Gabriel Clifford Venz  
 Kayla Marie Hartman  
 Nathan Merle Wilder

**1987**

Justin Mark Tufte  
 Mallory Ann Losee  
 Joshua Allen Mandt  
 Keenan Myhre Gonyier  
 Chelsea Marie Chisholm  
 Adam Lee Suby

**1986**

Lucas Myhre Gonyier  
 Stefanie Lyn Moretz  
 Laura Zahn Harringa  
 Benjamin William Harringa

**1985**

Matthew Troy Morse  
 Evan Harris Foster  
 Alex Petersburg  
 Christopher Scott Hagen

**1984**

Adam Robert Harringa  
 Brent Allen Braner  
 Adam Gregory Hill  
 Matthew R Abendschein

**1983**

Stacy Ann Sellers  
 Dillon Allen Buckley  
 Nicki Petersburg

**1982**

Lindsey Lane Hagen  
 David Bruce Stitt  
 David Bruce Stitt II  
 Krystal Ann Lien  
 Kevin James Furness  
 Cory Jan Morse  
 Angie Lee Nelson  
 Andrea Sue Moretz

**1981**

Brandon Lee Hill  
 Gregory Lee Hill  
 Addie Mae K Graham  
 Kathie Jo Lawson  
 Casey Ann Hansen  
 Brooke Allison Kaasa

**1980**

April Jo Lien  
 Joseph Christopher Fandel  
 Jennifer Alice Johnson  
 Phillip Robert Bratrud  
 Sylvan Johannes Furness  
 Holly Jean Morse  
 Amber Lynn Buckley  
 Melissa Ruth Braddock  
 Dennis Eugene Sellers

**1979**

Justin Robert Haugen  
 Brian James Johanson  
 Daniel Rye Dostal  
 Anita L (Loomis) Braddock  
 Bradley Eugene Braddock  
 Shannon Marie Chapin  
 James Trinity Chapin  
 Joseph Allen Ritzert

**1978**

Christopher J Hohenfield  
 Bryan Robert Wood  
 Craig Timothy Wood  
 Rachel Lynn Garnas  
 Aaron Mark Jennings

**1977**

Jason Michael Baumann  
 Jessica Marie Hansen  
 Mindy Sue Ruter  
 Richard George Rye  
 Amy Louise Rye

**1976**

Adrienne Yvonne Skilbred  
 Nicole Shawn McKinney  
 Dawn Renee McKinney  
 Kerry Jean Bratrud

**1975**

Kelly Angel Kennedy  
 Juliet Jean Suby

**1974**

Marcy Kae Matson  
 Sara Ann Amundson  
 Eric Chester Amundson

**1973**

Julie Marie Estes  
 Peter Allan Bratrud  
 Freddy Timothy Johnson

**1972**

Nichole Jane Halsne  
 Amy Sue Hasfjord  
 Kyla Rae Backhaus  
 Jonathan Keith Shepard  
 Jeromy Michael Kennedy  
 Aaron Jerome Kennedy

**1971**

Darren Dean Buckley  
 Dana Anne Buckley  
 Randall LeRoy Navratil  
 Jamie Austin Sorenson  
 Nicole Christine Bride  
 Sara Marie Gilbertson  
 Tara Lynn Seidel

**1970**

Shawna Ann Backhaus  
 David Lynn Graham  
 Lora Kay Murphy  
 Frankey Lee Johnson  
 Robert Eldean Garnas, Jr.

**1969**

Lisa Marie Hagen  
 Michael Shawn Yancey  
 Jerry Allan Aanrud  
 Randy LeAllen Garnas  
 Kristin Joleen Hall  
 Tammy Sue Seidel  
 Mary Louise Smeby

**1968**

Michele Ann Harle  
 Jacob J. Jackson  
 Jody Jay Jackson  
 Melinda JoAnn Matson  
 Deborah Lynn Spooner

**1967**

Tamara Jo Harle  
 Brian Keith Jones  
 Dennis Earl Mandt  
 John Oliver Todd

**1966**

Joan Marie Tanner  
 Kelly Louise Tanner  
 Kevin Lee Thompson  
 Jacqueline Lee Hennigar  
 Terry Allen Paulson  
 Martha Jean Hall

**1964**

Ann Marie Paulson  
 Joel Soren Hasfjord  
 Craig Harold Sutter  
 Lisa Ann Miller  
 Ross Michael Hall

**1963**

Elizabeth Diane Beyer  
 Myra Yvonne Beyer  
 Flora Ines Beyer  
 Glay Allan Strandquist  
 Norman Nels Vorland  
 Annette Marie Kaasa  
 Jeanette Ann Navratil  
 Doy Ann Kaasa  
 Kevin Lynn Nitcher

**1962**

Beth Ann Gilbertson  
 Rhonda Sue Buckley  
 Scott Wallace Brunsvold

**1961**

Gretchen Kay Hasfjord  
 Rebecca Kay Bergan  
 Kyle Kevin Hall

**1960**

Anne Ashley Jacobs  
 Heide Annette Hasfjord  
 Steven George Bauman  
 Joel Merwyn Kaasa  
 Jeffrey Lynn Buckley

**1959**

Pamela Ann Tenold  
 Kent Alan Hall  
 Kimberly Jo Kuhn  
 Mark Jay Petersen  
 Daryl Rae Hogbin  
 Terry Allen Buckley  
 Gary Arlo Brunsvold  
 Martha Louise Larson  
 Cynthia Ann Olson

Pamela Ruth Colby

**1958**

Julie Ann Colby  
 Karla Kay Brunsvold  
 Timothy James Kaasa  
 Brian Keith Petersburg  
 Linda Marie Sporing  
 Louise Ann Vorland  
 David Joyce Skalicky, Jr.  
 Brian Neil Kuhn  
 Rodney Allen Garnas

**1957**

John Milton Peterson  
 Cynthia Kay Furness  
 Kathy Jean Johnson  
 Christen Amy Ausenus  
 Candyce LeRae Klein  
 Robin Andrea Skilbred  
 Lenore Ann Ilg  
 Christie Lea Ilg  
 Nancy Carol Halverson  
 Mileen Lois Paulson  
 Patty Jane Hall \*A  
 Karen Jane Burke  
 William Keith Burke \*A  
 Burr Allard Payne \*A

**1956**

Clarice Kay Groven  
 Marne Marcene Paulson  
 Gary Vernon Paulson  
 Sonja Ann Brunsvold  
 Laura Ann Larson  
 Jane Ann Jacobs  
 Barbara Jean Suby  
 Leon Alfred Kingland  
 Robert Lou Garnas  
 Lori Patricia Bergdale  
 Darrell Lee Haugen

**1955**

Jesse W. Purviance \*A  
 Ronald Neil Paulson  
 Lonna Beth Halvorson  
 John Eli Colby, Jr.  
 Jacqueline Ann O'Brien  
 Jan Louise Gesme  
 Mark Floyd Johnson  
 Jeffrey Arnold Peterson  
 Diane Lynn Olson

**1954**

Linda Kay Leraaen  
 Lona Kaye Felland  
 Steven Alan Thompson  
 Ronald Gene Suby  
 Sandra Suby  
 Robert Lynn Groven

**1954 (cont)**

Mark Eric Bergdale  
 Jerry Lee Nye  
 Frederick Kevin Schulte  
 Marilyn Loraine Hall  
 Hal Tracy Wenaas  
 Sarah Jane Larson  
 Sandra Lou Bergan  
 Walter Scott Jacobs

**1953**

Ruth Ann Quisling  
 Lawrence Donald Wenaas  
 Dianne Jean Bergan  
 Darlene Kay Suby  
 Faith Elizabeth Bergdale  
 Jillanne Leigh Schulte  
 Julie Ann Bergan  
 Richard Allan Skilbred  
 Anna Rye Methus  
 Eleanor Larson Colby \*A  
 Enid Hamer Colby \*A  
 Bernard Garth Kisner \*A  
 Winifred Pope Kisner \*A  
 Kenneth Lee Kisner  
 Harold LeRoy Klein \*A  
 Robert Loren Millard \*A  
 Marcielle Rowe Millard \*A  
 Linda Lou Purviance  
 Dennis Duane Purviance  
 JoAnn Doy Purviance  
 Lisa Marie Kingland

**1952**

Jerry Lee Groven  
 Mary Christine Larson  
 Loretta Antonia Skilbred  
 Alvin James Thomas  
 Donna Jean Thomas  
 Frederic Richard Thomas  
 Lois Louise Thomas  
 Mr. Guy Caffrey \*A  
 Mrs. Guy Caffrey \*A  
 Jean Mae Enright  
 Daniel Ernest Russel

**1951**

Rebecca Kay Kaasa  
 Lou Anne Kingland  
 Lynn Randal Sorenson  
 Julie Anne Rye  
 Kyle Kevin Kaasa  
 Bradley Allen Schulte  
 Ronald Joseph Stangler

**1950**

Kay Dianne Gesme  
 Rebecca Sue Garnas  
 Thomas Cecil Groven  
 Judy Diane Beck

**1950 (cont)**

Mary Lynn Quisling

**1949**

Barbara Jean Methus  
 Blaine Derwin Field  
 Brian LeRoy Kline  
 Arden Dale Magnusen  
 Lorraine Mae Magnusen  
 Russel Jon Enright  
 Lynn Roger Kingland  
 Diane Eileen Seidel  
 Dagna Ellen Bergdale  
 Maxine Louise Hall  
 Carol Viola Rye  
 John Henry Schulte IV  
 Delores Jean Sorenson

**1948**

Barbara Kay Brunsvold  
 Helen Clara Miller  
 Linda Helen Kingland  
 Mary Christine Brunsvold  
 Richard Dean Halsne  
 Jeanette Lee Johnson  
 Delores Jean Johnson  
 Lonna Rae Field

**1947**

Susan Kay Kaasa  
 Dwight Arvid Bergdale  
 Linda Kay McMullin  
 Irma Ilene Magnussen  
 Stephen LaVerne Kaasa  
 Clayton Thomas Rye  
 Rodney Methus  
 William Russell Halsne  
 James Jay Halsne

**1946**

David Henry Doebel  
 Marcia Deanne Methus  
 Michael James Brunsvold  
 Marvin Allen Peterson  
 Dennis Leroy Bray  
 Russel Crayne Gesme  
 Scott Thomas Nelson  
 Norvel Merle McMullin  
 Arthur Ray McMullin  
 Earl Leonard McMullin

**1945**

Carolyn Ann Micklick  
 Elsie May Methus  
 Lola Grace Strandquist  
 Gary Stanley Gesme  
 Corinne Lydia Halane  
 Paul Arlen Brunsvold

**1944**

Deborah Ann Gesme  
 Larry Jerome Haugan  
 Enid Angela Colby  
 Erick Ingvold Furness  
 Alan Erick Bergdale  
 Dennis Ray Miller  
 Allan Dean Miller  
 Gloria Jean Stangler  
 Bonnie Clare Oswald  
 Craig Gordon Nelson  
 Dennis Lynn Hall

**1943**

Bruce Edward Kaasa  
 Carol Jean Bergdale  
 Rodney Duane Husome

**1942**

Vernell Duane Furness  
 Sandra Rae McEnelly  
 Carol Jean Furness  
 James Michael Knutsen  
 Barbara Elaine Hall  
 Glenn Otto Smeby  
 Luther Norris Gesme  
 Ardith Ellen Furness  
 Malcolm Douglas Colby

**1941**

Gerald Allen Furness  
 Janice Louise Methus  
 Gary Alan Peterson  
 Elmer Martin Theilen  
 Lowell Edward Husome

**1940**

Patricia Ann Jacobsen  
 Marilyn Kay Bray  
 Dennis Roland Husome  
 Donna Mae Halverson  
 Judith Anita Haugen  
 Byron Dean Smeby  
 Jon Richard Lee

**1939**

Wayne Sanford Hall  
 Paul David Austin  
 Anthony Owen Colby  
 Ronald Kenneth Furness

**1938**

Mary Jo Elvether  
 Layton Stanley McMullin  
 Norman Leonard Wilson  
 Karen Kay Colby  
 Barbara Jean Schott  
 Mervin Eugene Husome  
 Barbara Darlene Bergdale  
 Larry Dean Wilson

**1938 (cont)**

David Michael Hall

**1937**

Beverly Grace Myhre  
 Rodney Marion Hall  
 Roger Westly McMullin  
 JoAnn Marlien Smeby  
 Margaret Ann Lund  
 Carol Berdene Kaasa  
 Waldo Oscar Smeby

**1936**

Wesley Jerome Bergdale  
 June Marlys Smeby  
 Muriel Jean McMullin  
 Ceciel William Groven  
 Anna Clara Groven

**1935**

Adele Jovanelle Bergdale  
 Ernest Arden Kell  
 Jean Beverly Halverson  
 Joseph Edwin Colby  
 Ronald Bruce Wilson  
 Merwyn Thomas Kaasa  
 Viola Odetta Smeby

**1934**

Eileen LaVonne Smeby  
 Betty Marine Lund  
 Joan Lorraine Lee  
 Lowell Kent Hall  
 Lorene Ethel Moretz  
 Royden Orin Smeby  
 Dale Arold Furness  
 Glen Arthur Torgerson

**1933**

Myrna Jean Bray  
 William Charles McEnelly  
 Maureen Vyonne Wuerflein  
 Carsten Elder Bergdale  
 Rosella Jean Gjere  
 Darlene Janet Aasland

**1932**

Stanley Harold Schultz  
 Elaine Margaret Oswald  
 Richard Norvel McMullin  
 Ruth Ann Karnatz  
 Bonnie Jean Aasland  
 Eldon James Evans  
 Ernest Arden Furness  
 Johnny Olando Smeby, Jr.  
 Betty Anna Eskildsen  
 Joan Fay Eskildsen  
 Susan Barbara Larson  
 Dorothy Jean Holtan

**1931**

Ocilla Mae Smeby  
 Gerald Waine Groven  
 Caroline Elsie Myhre  
 Marilyn Ruth Burtness

**1930**

Lloyd Edgar Anderson  
 James Henry Lee

**1925 (cont)**

Floyd Austin Johnson  
 Lawrence Edward Halsne  
 Phylis Gertrude Karnatz

**1924**

Hazel Mary Karnatz  
 Herdes Margarit Anderson

**1929**

Jeanette Alene Hegney  
 George Myron Orvick  
 Darrell Dean Burgess  
 Donald Gerald Morrison  
 Raymond Neil Eskildsen  
 Richard Allan Eskildsen  
 Sylvia Margarete Bakken  
 Rolfe Jerome Holtan

**1928**

Orville Andrew Sundvold

**1927**

Harriet Ann Rye

**1926**

Harris Eugene Kaasa  
 Thelma Genora Bakken  
 Gerhard Wilhelm Anderson

**1925**

Mavis Leone Rye  
 Edwin Sivert Furness  
 Bernice Adell Oswald

**1923**

Burnette Irene Kaasa  
 James Halsne  
 Gorden Eugene Methus  
 William Donald Russel  
 Orain Artille Hegne  
 Ruth Carol Thovson  
 Robert William Anderson  
 Geneveive Elaine Tenold

**1922**

Merridy Mae Espe  
 Lillian Margart Karnatz  
 Elmer William Stranquist  
 Wallace Merlin Johnson  
 Dorothy Elaine Brunsvold  
 Lillian Huldning Anderson

**1921**

Lawrence Edwin Bratrud  
 Mildred Idona Torgeson  
 Oline Marian Halsne  
 Boyd William Loveless  
 Madeline June Stranquist  
 Norbert Owen Hogbin  
 Laurene Josephine Lee

1921 (cont)  
LaVern Duane Kaasa

**1920**

Carlyle Murray Kaasa  
Emory Duane Toresdahl  
Amil Albert Johnson  
Avis Marie Olson  
Leola Gelaine Kaasa  
Elaine Catherine Thompson

**1919**

Floyd Thomas Russell  
Eldan Donald Pepal  
June Louise Rye  
Esther Stranquist

**1918**

Pearl Laurin Brunsvold  
Francis Meranda Johnson  
James Herbert Furness  
Izetta Murial Knudson  
Norman Luverne Erickson  
Geneva Lucille Torgerson  
Joy Mildrid Hazel Johnson  
Henry Bertram Kaasa  
Adelaide Carmen Thovson  
Carol Virginia Thompson

**1917**

Ole Trumen Banken  
Herbert Francis Johnson  
Helen May Johnson  
Orville Harald Bratrud  
Olando Rule Olson  
Stanly Lorenzo Gesme

**1916**

Idona Oril Gesme  
Harold Emil Hage Knudson  
Earnest Gerald Singelstad  
Ernest Leland Erickson  
Martha Sofie Anderson  
Thomas Clair Rye

**1915**

Earl Gudvangen  
Mable Idona Olson  
Floyd Clinton Brunsvold  
Robert Leonard Ellingson  
Thelma Marscele Knudson  
Lilian Elenora Walker  
Florence Anne Bratrud

**1914**

Norma Irine Russell  
Esther Leonora Erickson  
Teresa Arlene Bratrud  
Arthur Clarence Rye

1914 (cont)  
Henry Selmer Gesme

**1913**

Cecilia Luella Gesme  
Orvil Thomas Elvesether  
Gillard Arthur Bratrud  
Charles Glen Orlando Rye  
Gladis Sophie Furnes  
Soren Norgaar  
Peder Melvin Norgaar  
Ann Margrethe Norgaar  
Raymond Leroy Lee  
Norman Harald Rye  
Kathyrine Lucil Erickson

**1912**

Clarence Joseph A. Bratrud  
Kermith Leonard Bratrud  
Mildred Carine Singelstad  
Kilmer Alvin Bratrud  
Monis Odine Russel  
Thelma Alfreda Bratrud  
Virgil Clarence Lokrem

**1911**

Selmer Moris Lee  
Lillian Bertha Pedersen  
Albert Melvind Susbak  
Alma Agnes Jenkins

**1910**

Oscar Oliver Olsen  
Ethel Leona Rye  
Loretta Theodora Bratrud  
John Carlyle Narum

**1909**

Selma Amanda Susbak  
Alvin Morris Bratrud  
Thelma Olinda Roe  
Hector Ferdinand Torgersen  
Clarinda May Russell

**1908**

Angelis Jessie Bratrud  
Adella Geneva Olsen  
Calmar Sylvester Sorensen  
E. Arthur Singelstad

**1907**

Corah Janet Rye  
Laura Lione Gesme  
Gladys Elise K Jenkins

**1906**

Hazel Eveline Olsen  
Chalmer Mervin Johnsen  
Harlan J Oliver Singelstad

**1905**  
Clarence Irvin Lee

**1904**

Albert Arthur Sorensen  
Emy Henryette Olsen  
Orvil Edmund Rye

**1903**

Corah Monsen  
Laura Constance Rye  
Kennet Harlin Monsen  
Esther Burneice Monsen

**1902**

Kenneth Orin Olsen  
Theresse Adleine Olsen

**1901**

Anna Ester Forde  
Palmer Johnnie Odin Lee

**1900**

Mabel Alvine Larsen  
Elen Henriette Oppedal  
Myrthel Eleanore Gesme  
Anna Kathrine Lockrem

**1899**

Selma Sylvia Overson

**1898**

Helmer Oliver Thovsen  
Leo Hobson Elthon  
Emma Onethe Sorensen  
Otto Evensen

**1897**

Adolf Lenard Gjesme

**1896 (Official)**

Henry Evensen  
Emma Maria Gravgaard  
Carl Palmer Quist  
Melvin Alfred Quist

**1896 (Partial Listing)**

Albert Gjesme  
Mabel Beuliot Torgeson  
Bella Marie Halsor

**1894 (Partial Listing)**

Andrew Bertin Thoffeson  
Thomas Orlin Torgeson  
Terresse Oline Torgeson  
Edd Orin Bratterud  
Edvart Gjesme

**1893 (Partial Listing)**  
Thommy Oliver Methus  
Celia Florence Forde

**1892**

Andrew Elai Pedersen  
Perry Alfred Johnsen  
Emma Marie Strommen  
Ida Elevina Hansen  
Clara Bertine Sagen  
Carl Andreas Gunderson  
Selmer Ingvard Halversen  
Alma Elisebeth Nyhus  
Hilda Johanna Iversen  
Oscar Ouverson  
Olga Marie Aagetvedt

**1891**

Clarence Gustav Andersen  
Betsy Louise Tollakssen  
Oskar Louis Elvesother  
Karoline Amalie Gullickson  
John Melvin Hovland  
Sophie Mathilde Jesme  
Karl Melvin Sheimo  
Oskar Andreas Myre  
Edvin Gordon Ryhe  
John Evensen  
Albert Theodor Mehus  
Theodor Andreas Nyhus  
Ida Emilie Bratruh  
Clara Bratruh  
Nora Caroline Nilsen  
Gustav Adolph Haugen  
Clarence Gustav Roll  
Edward Pedersen Rodberg  
Annie Christine Johannesen

**1890**

Paul Gerhard Sheimo  
Arthur Valerius Torgersen  
Hilda Marie Sagen  
Malvine Oliver Forde  
Tilda Marie Ryhe  
Edvend Arthur Evensen

**1889**

Emma Oline Olsen  
Jannette Karoline Halvorsen  
Nette Pauline Sheimo  
Elise Marie Paulson  
Klara Emelia Osvoldsen  
Carl Gustav Converse  
Hendry Larson  
Palmer Hobbart Nilsen  
Anne Marie Bursdal  
Hilda Clarisa Ryhe  
Hendry Martin Kjustolfsen  
Bernt Oliver Roll

1889 (cont)

Ole Alvin Thovsen

**1888**

Louis Normand Rholl  
Anne Marie Nilsen  
Osten Oliver Jacobsen  
Ole Ryhe  
Tilda Pauline Tollaksen  
Know Arthur Bratruh  
Ole Nilsen  
Nils Elmer Forde  
Louis Martin Pedersen  
Ole Olsen  
Anne Sophie Bergstad  
Tilda Olava Evensen  
Emma Helene Rasmussen  
Clara Marie Mesta

**1887**

Julia Amanda Thovsen  
Arnd Cornelius Halverson  
Clara Amanda Ure  
Nils Olaus Ouverson  
Hermand T. Kjostolfsen  
Ole Arthur Ryhe  
Emma Karoline Sheimo

**1886**

Kristine Sophie Levang  
Marie Therese Tollaksen  
Inger Oline Pedersen  
Julia Hovland  
Hilman Miller Oppedal  
Ole Edmund Bratruh  
Hilda Theodora Halvorsen  
Ida Nora Mattilda Sheimo  
Helene Marie Oppedal  
Clara Louise Rholl  
Paul Normand Mesta  
Dina Mattild Halverson  
Nelly Emilia Ryhe  
Ismael Bennet Myre  
Emma Charlotte Amundsen  
Emma Ottillia Forde  
Peder Oskar Nilsen

**1885**

Mina Pauline Nilsen  
Gina Janny Oppedal  
Nelly Sophie Stephansen  
Abraham Marius Kjostolfsen  
Clara Eveline Andersen  
Johan Arnt Ouverson  
Georg Abert Bratruh  
Amanda Marie Sheimo  
Cornilius Alexander Sagen  
Thomas Melvin Ryhe

**1884**

Georg Olai Louis  
Johannes Oliver Paulson  
Ella Charlotte Andersen  
Clarence Ryhe  
Lewis Samuel Ryhe  
Nora Amanda Landsvork  
Thom Thovsen  
Clara Louise Rhollag  
Gustav Sander Sheimo  
Clara Mokster  
Clarence Samuel Ryhe  
Paul Johannes Ingbrigtsen  
Martin Bergstad  
Cicilia Marie Forde  
Anise Thonelle Bratruh  
Iver Iversen  
Minnie Georgine Prostholt

**1883**

Ingbrigt Gilbert Opdal  
Henry Edvard Johannesen  
Anne Mathilde Bratruh  
Eide Pedersen  
John Bertin Forde  
Anne Marie Ouverson  
Menne Charlotte Amundsen  
Nils Bergstad  
Jacob Martin Tollaksen  
Karl Johan Mastre  
Martha Marie Ingbrigtsen  
Louis William Grove  
Nette Elise Pedersen  
Aller Johan Bratruh  
Inger Helene Sagen  
Oline Jacobsen  
Hanna Marie Hovland

**1882**

Thorny Swingen  
Sophie Oline Olsen  
Ole Arthur Andreas  
Hermand Theodor  
Kjostolfsen  
Sivert Bergstad  
Alma Johnnette Grovem  
Mabel Amalie Ryhe  
Nils Nilsen  
Thomas Martin Torjisen

**1881**

Anne Sophie Larsen  
Gustav Johan Sander Daley  
Guri Helene Gudmundsen  
Peder Martin Ouverson  
Simon Normand Sagen  
John Alfred Bergstad  
Andreas Molsen  
Johan Gerhard Landsvok  
Sophie Louise Hovland

Inga Marie Nilsen

Bearthe Amanda Olsen  
Arne Olai Mogster  
Anders Johan Louis  
Thomas Oskar Bratruh  
Tilda Oline Tollaksen  
Emma Louise Knudson  
Clarence Prestholt  
Alvin Prestholt  
Georg Alvin Johnson  
Alma Beaty Nyhus  
Henry Marius Ryhe

**1880**

Sophie Emilie Stenersen  
Anne Emilia Ljursen  
Clarence Martin Krogh  
Almer Isak Levang  
Anne Johanne Kjostolfsen  
Ida Marie Messtad  
Julia Sophie Pedersen  
Julius Theodor Tollaksen  
Serine Thonette Thovsen  
Anne Marie Jacobsen  
Nilsine Nilsen  
Ingeborge Amanda Forde

**1879**

Bella Sanden  
Alma Christine Kjostolfsen  
Henry Thorns Ryhe  
Marten Andreas Sagen  
Ouver Andreas Ouverson  
Alfred Rasmussen  
Bergith Gurine Prostholt  
Thorvald Ryhe  
Ida Amelia Bertine Opdal  
Kari Oline Grove  
Gunhild Elini Johnsen  
Ida Berthine Forde  
Ingri Nilsen  
Thone Vesta  
Osiana Lansvork  
Oline Amelia Sandersen  
Ragnhild Annette Graven  
Almer Bratruh  
Severt Karl Johan Ljursen  
Andrew Martin Olsen  
Marie Charlotte Sagen  
Bertine Sophie Tollefsen  
Isak Abrahamsen  
John Martin Grovem  
Knud August Enis Olsen  
Thame Orvin Bratruh  
Ingeborg Sophie Olsen  
Amanda Onette Bratruh  
Knud Ingbrigt Levang  
Inger Marie Andreasen

**1878**

Lars Olai Mogstad  
Alise Oline Andersen  
Gunder Johan Pedersen  
Dorthea Sophie Torjesen  
Ole Jorgensen  
Anne Julie Stenersen  
Ivar Bergstad  
Rina Marie Kjostolfsen  
Louise Emilie Larsen  
Ouver Andreas Stenersen  
Clara Marie Andersen  
Julia Helene Andersen  
Mina Christine Nilsen  
Hermand Oliver Svingen  
Christian Thorsen  
Karoline Mastre  
Julia Amanda Gudmundsen  
Clarence Samuel Sagen  
Jorgine Oline Hovland  
Ragnhild Marie Bergstad

**1877**

Ljur Ljursen  
Unne Gurine Ouverson  
Ole Grovem  
Licilia Emilie Andersen  
Gustav Sagen  
Inger Sicilia Sagen  
Lina Emilie Larsen  
Lori Samuel Sandersen  
Syrus Julien Krogh  
Betsy Caroline Forde  
Alfred Mores Grovem  
Anne Olava Pedersen  
Anne Cisilie Ryhe  
Clarence Oskar Olsen  
Julia Atte Grove  
John Clarence Bratruh

## Confirmations

Instruction in the Christian faith as it is set forth in the Small Catechism preceded each confirmation rite. The terms of such courses has varied from one year to three years.

Each confirmand made public profession of his faith by answering these questions:

- Do you renounce the devil, and all his works, and all his ways?
- Do you believe in God the Father Almighty?
- Do you believe in Jesus Christ?
- Do you believe in the Holy Ghost?
- Do you promise to abide in this Faith and in the covenant of your baptism, and as a member of the Church to be diligent in the use of the means of Grace and in prayer?



Names of confirmed as they are recorded in the church records. Some names changed over time. For example: "Grove" appears to have been spelled "Grovenm" or "Groven". Adults indicated by: \*A; Maiden Names when known in "( )"

<b>2024</b> Cole Lane Hagen Lane Coleton Knudson Tate Hunter Kruger McKenna Marie Langenbau Jessa Evelyn Joy Leerar	<b>2012</b> Samuel Robert Bergan Callie Paige Maxwell Rachel Katherine Niemi Spencer Ray Orr	<b>2002</b> Courtney Johnson Tyler Johnson Andrew Lickteig Dane Sorensen Madalyn Taylor Katie VanDeBerg	<b>1993</b> Rachel Lynn Garnas
<b>2022</b> Gavin Patrick Huston	<b>2010</b> Christopher Hett Aaron Prestholt Kaitlyn Sorenson Kyra Sorenson	<b>2000</b> Mallory Ann Losee Stefanie Moretz Nicki VanDeBerg Allison Lickteig	<b>1992</b> Kathie Lawson Ranae Lien
<b>2021</b> Liberty Faith Langenbau Lilian Elizabeth Jackson	<b>2009</b> Jacob Joseph Bergan Ryan Patrick Moretz Paul Hazer Niemi Amy Ann Prestholt Katelyn Jo Scholbrock	<b>1999</b> Alex Petersburg Zach McCauley	<b>1991</b> Kerry Brattrud Angel Westfall Stacy Taylor
<b>2020</b> Tre Huston Jacob Jay Jackson	<b>2008</b> Alex Bergan Ethan Losee Lauren Orłowski Samantha Hennigar	<b>1998</b> Nicki Petersburg Adam Harringa	<b>1990</b> Timothy Ruble Ryan Garnas Kelly Kennedy
<b>2019</b> Joylynn Michelle Bitker	<b>2007</b> Crystal Scholbrock Taylor Chrencik	<b>1997</b> Stacy Ann Sellers Andrea Lynn Moretz	<b>1989</b> Peter Brattrud William Pate
<b>2017</b> Kirsten Mae Garnas Ryan James Huston	<b>2006</b> Mariah Garnas Andrea Kennedy	<b>1996</b> Phillip Robert Brattrud Kevin James Furness Crystal Ann Lien Natalie Moretz Dennis Eugene Sellers Sarah Taylor Susanne Westfall	<b>1988</b> Jeromy Michael Kennedy Kyla Rae Backhaus Helen Alne Amy Rye
<b>2015</b> Hannah Marie Ausenhus Seth Thomas Gayther Angela Rose Hett	<b>2005</b> Ashley Lickteig Lindsay Chrencik Courtney Chrencik Bradley Moretz	<b>1995</b> April Jo Lien Scott Allen Taylor Sylvan Johannes Furness	<b>1986</b> Jamie Austin Sorenson
<b>2014</b> Shawn Jared Naser Owen Orr Alex Donald Prestholt	<b>2004</b> Selena Losee Jamie Dierks	<b>1994</b> Nathan Carl Ruble	<b>1985</b> Rex Taylor *A Connie Taylor *A Tami Janette Peterson Mark David Niemi Robert Eldean Garnas, Jr. Thomas John Colby Shawna Ann Backhaus
<b>2013</b> Hailee Susanne Ausenhus Katie Grace Garnas Daniel Ray Hennigar Scott Norman Magnuson Sadie Rose Sellers			<b>1984</b> Mark Dennis Bergan Randy Garnas Lisa Marie Hagen

1984 (cont)

Kristin Joleen Hall  
Lisa Lynne Peterson

**1983**

Christopher James Niemi  
Tina Marie Schmidt

**1982**

Raymond Harringa  
Susan Harringa  
Michael Eugene Meyerhofer  
Karen Louise Colby  
David Alan Petersburg  
Stacy Lyn Sorenson  
Craig Timothy Wood

**1981**

Martha Jean Hall  
Paul Douglas Niemi  
Kari Sue Roberts  
Virgil William Goodale  
Larry Eugene Lawson \*A  
Beth Ellen Lawson \*A  
Debra Lucille Meyerhofer

**1980**

Vicki Lynn Harringa  
Lauri Petersburg  
Robert Richard Hoffman  
Ross Michael Hall  
Joel Francis Punke  
Patricia Ann Punke

**1979**

Barbara Diane Hegney  
Darla Dawn Peterson  
Bryan Robert Wood  
Theresa Ann Sellers  
Dagmar Skilbred  
Anita Braddock

**1978**

Mrs. Joycelyn E. Wood \*A

**1977**

Annette Marie Kaasa  
Rhonda Sue Buckley  
Julie Ann Hegney  
Denise Leann Buckley  
Linda Marie Colby  
Ann Marie Brosdahl  
Janice Rae Smeby Ricky  
Merle Peterson  
Kyle Kevin Hall  
Jeffrey Lynn Buckley

**1976**

Rebecca Kay Bergan  
Kimberly Kay Brosdahl  
Steven George Baumann  
Joel Harringa

**1975**

Pamela Ruth Colby  
Kris Ann Myhre  
William Everette Sellers  
Stephen Rene Westfall

**1974**

Joel Myhre  
Rodney Garnas  
Beth Smeby  
Debra Hagen  
Nancy Brase  
Terry Buckley  
Kent Hall

**1973**

Duane R. Ausenhus  
Joy R. Smeby  
Elizabeth A. Colby  
Nancy C. Halvorson  
David A. Baumann

**1972**

Cynthia K. Furness  
Lori P. Bergdale  
Ruth M. Bergan  
Kevin L. Petersburg  
Harold E. Naugle  
Mileen L. Paulson  
Patricia L. Sellers  
James M. Brase  
Kathleen J. Tanner  
Roberta L. Garnas  
Robin A. Skilbred  
Kathy L. Harringa  
Darrell L. Haugen

**1971**

Marcia R. Ausenhus  
Sonja A. Brunsvold  
Michael S. Hagen  
Robert A. Harringa  
Cheryl A. Kennedy  
Bradley F. Petersburg  
Nathan D. Skjerseth  
Marlene S. Spooner  
Barbara J. Suby

**1970**

Ernest C. Baumann  
Donna S. Bergan  
Jan L. Gesme  
Lonna Beth Halvorson  
Gary A. Rollefson

1970 (cont)

Mrs. Sharon Backhaus \*A

**1969**

Mark E. Bergdale  
Mark A. Brunsvold  
Caryl A. Spooner  
Lynn Tanner  
Mrs. John Aanrud \*A  
Cynthia K. Johnson  
Henamen \*A

**1968**

Diane J. Bergan  
Travis L. Brunsvold  
Michael L. Kennedy  
Gary V. Paulson  
Ruth A. Quisling  
Richard A. Skilbred  
Ross H. Sutter

**1967**

Faith Bergdale  
Steven E. Brunsvold  
Mary C. Larson  
Barbara J. Rollefson  
Loretta A. Skilbred  
Melba K. Spooner  
Darlene K. Suby  
Sandra M. Sundvold  
Mark T. Sunwall

**1966**

Dennis Haugen  
Jackie Hennigar  
Mark Jennings  
Marne Paulson  
Julie Rye  
Lynn Sorenson  
Thomas Tanner

**1965**

Rebecca Garnas  
Kay Gesme  
Rebecca Kaasa  
Mary Quisling  
Mrs. Wm. Utt \*A  
Marie Siewert \*A

**1964**

Dagna Bergdale  
William Brunsvold  
JoAnn Gilbertson  
Maxine Hall  
Carol Rye  
Diane Seidel  
Monika Skilbred  
Rebecca Sunwall  
Barton Sutter

**1963**

Barbara Brunsvold  
Mary Brunsvold  
Steven Furness  
Richard Garnas  
David Haugen  
Lonna Field  
Barbara Methus  
Cecil Platts \*A

**1962**

Marcia Brunsvold  
Patricia Brunsvold  
Merle T. Hasfjord  
Linda McMullin  
Rodney Methus  
Clayton Rye  
Mrs. Carl Rooth \*A

**1961**

David Petersen  
Dennis Seidel  
Paul Ausenhus  
Curtis Hogbin  
Stanley Backhaus  
Russell Gesme  
Gilbert Groven  
Michael Brunsvold  
Stephen Kaasa  
LaVonne Johnson  
Suzanne Halvorson  
Debris Sorenson  
Susan Jennings  
Carolyn Sue Hasfjord \*A  
Agnes Payne \*A  
Lorean Hall \*A

**1960**

Paul Brunsvold  
Eldean Garnas  
Patty Miller  
David Hasfjord  
Laverne Suby  
Gary Gesme

**1959**

Roger Johnson  
Ralph Trail  
Kenneth Kisner  
Bonnie Oswald  
Rosella Groven  
Norbert Hogbin \*A  
Leora Hogbin \*A

**1958**

Angela Colby  
Deborah Gesme  
Steven Jennings  
Alan Miller  
Carolyn Seidel

**1957**

Carol Bergdale  
 Malcolm Colby  
 Carol Jean Furness  
 Jerry Furness  
 Luther Gesme  
 Richard Groven  
 Marilyn Hall  
 Rosetta Kaasa  
 Dennis Miller  
 Arlyn Seidel  
 Glenn Smeby  
 Marlin Suby  
 Karen Burke  
 William Burke  
 Bruce E. Kassa  
 Patty Hall \*A  
 Alice Vorland \*A  
 Donna Olson \*A  
 June Rollefson \*A

**1955**

John Backhaus  
 Marilyn Bray  
 James Gilbertson  
 Mary Hasfjord  
 Ardis Johnson  
 Larry Johnson  
 Byron Smeby  
 Larry Tantow  
 Alice Trustem  
 Jerry Waldrop  
 David Cole  
 Chester Craig \*A  
 Izetta Craig \*A  
 Jesse Purviance \*A  
 Karola Skilbred \*A  
 Olga Smeby \*A  
 Joel Stoker \*A

**1954**

Layton McMullin  
 Richard Bratrud  
 Karen Russell  
 Sharon Craig  
 Jo Ann Kaasa  
 Cecil Groven  
 Anna Groven  
 Carroll Groven

**1953**

Soren Hasfjord  
 Anthony Colby  
 John Ausenhus  
 David Swartz  
 James Trustem  
 Donna Mae Bendickson  
 Mary Elvether  
 Karen Colby  
 Margaret Lund

**1953 (cont)**

Barbara Bergdale  
 Wayne Hall  
 Cleora Cole \*A  
 Darleen Kaasa \*A  
 Enid Colby \*A  
 Ann Methus \*A  
 Robert Millard \*A  
 Harold E. Cole \*A  
 Marcielle Millard \*A  
 Bernard Kisner \*A  
 Winifred Kisner \*A  
 Harold Klein \*A

**1952**

Elizabeth Caffrey  
 Carol Kaasa  
 Waldo Smeby  
 Guy Caffrey \*A  
 Mrs. Guy Caffrey \*A  
 Mrs. Donald Wenaas \*A  
 Roger Kingland \*A

**1951**

Roger McMullin  
 Donna Paulson  
 Shirley Suby  
 Rodney Hall  
 Joan Smeby  
 June Smeby  
 Muriel McMullin  
 James A. Suby

**1950**

Daniel Swartz  
 Merwyn Kaasa  
 Joseph Colby  
 Arden Magnuson  
 Duane Bakken  
 Viola Smeby

**1949**

Dorothy Ausenhus  
 Robert Ausenhus  
 Lowell Hall  
 Dominy Kingland  
 Betty Lund  
 Lorraine Magnuson  
 Eileen Smeby  
 Royden O. Smeby  
 Roger Bock \*A  
 Marjorie Trefetz \*A

**1947**

Elaine Bendickson  
 Elizabeth Trustem  
 Junior Smeby  
 Susan Larson  
 Mary Ellen Ausenhus  
 Earl Vaage

**1947 (cont)**

Myrna Bray  
 Mrs. Helen Miller \*A  
 Art McMullin \*A  
 Norvel McMullin \*A  
 Earl McMullin \*A  
 Marlin Johnson \*A

**1946**

Marvin Jensen  
 Richard McMullin  
 Irwin Holstad  
 Samuel Swartz  
 David Doebel  
 Marian Bendickson  
 Marian Peterson  
 Ruth Ann Karnatz  
 Ocella Smeby  
 Muriel Peterson  
 Jane Ausenhus  
 Ethel Holstad

**1945**

Mrs. Alvin Bray \*A  
 Mrs. Tom Thovson \*A

**1943**

Leslie Holstad  
 Orville Sunvold  
 Glen Trustem  
 Sylvia Bakken  
 Jeanette Hegney  
 Norris Ausenhus  
 Myrtle Jeanne Swartz

**1941**

Wallace Brunsvold  
 John Eiel Colby  
 Jack Larson  
 Myron Oswald  
 Elmer Theilen  
 Gilma Holstad  
 Helen Furness  
 Dorothy Florence  
 Janice Colby  
 Thelma Bakken  
 Genevieve Bakken

**1939**

Roy Ausenhus  
 John Eli Colby  
 Harris Kaasa  
 Fanny Marie Wilson  
 Phyllis Karnatz  
 Dorothy Furness  
 Patty Florence  
 Marjorie Brunsvold  
 Eleanor Bratrud  
 Vernis Ausenhus  
 Lawrence Halsne

**1939 (cont)**

Maynard Holstad  
 Arlene Holstad

**1937**

Robert Anderson  
 Edwin Furness  
 James Halsne  
 Orain Hegney  
 Gordon Methus  
 Ralph Myhre  
 Hubert Orvick  
 Donald Russell  
 Ruth Thovson  
 Eileen Orvick  
 Irene Oswald  
 Burnette Kaasa  
 Hazel Karnatz  
 Judith Furness  
 Dorothy Brunsvold  
 Elaine Brunsvold

**1935**

Lawrence Bratrud  
 James Brunsvold  
 Carl Furness  
 Stanford Holtan  
 LaVerne Kaasa  
 Boyd Loveless  
 Madelyn Strandquist  
 Leola Kaasa  
 Ruvella Brunsvold  
 Harold Field (KIA WWII)  
 Oline Halsne  
 Melvin Oswald

**1934**

Harry M. Anderson  
 Donald Gunderson  
 Bertram Kaasa  
 Carlyle Kaasa  
 Gordon Mau  
 William McEnelly  
 Sherman Orvick  
 Floyd Russell  
 Alice Banken  
 Ella Banken  
 Wilner Bratrud  
 Irdella Evans  
 Evelyn Furness  
 June Rye

**1932**

Norman Erickson  
 Orlando Olson  
 Ingvald Furness  
 Melvin Furness  
 Jermi Iverson  
 Irville Olson  
 Aaron Dahlby

1932 (cont)  
Paul Holcomb  
Ole T. Banken  
James Furness  
Milton Halsne  
Howard Hall  
Junior Methus  
Stanley Gesme  
Izetta Knutsen  
Pearl Brunsvold  
Martha Anderson  
Adelaide Thovson  
Irma Oswald  
Helen Bratrud

**1930**

Gail Myli  
Joy Johnson  
Opal Mau  
Esther Oswald  
Lillian Karnatz  
Harold Knutsen  
Claire Rye  
John Alvin Furness  
Idona Gesme  
Ella Kathryn Kaasa

**1929**

Joseph Halsne  
Ole Olson  
Clarence Oswald  
Oscar Banken  
Guy Olson  
Selmer Gesme  
Sylvia Hall  
Mabel Olson  
Helen Strombom  
Teresa Bratrud  
Esther Furness  
Florence Bratrud  
Earl Gudvangen

**1928**

Esther Erickson  
Gladys Nelson  
Clarence Bratrud  
Kermit Bratrud  
Gaylord Bratrud  
Irwin Banken  
Mabel Furness  
Stella Halsne  
Luella Gesme  
Raymond Lee  
Kelmer A. Bratrud  
Ruth I. Myhre

**1927**

Norman Rye  
Elmer Hall  
Bueford Hall

1927 (cont)  
Orville Elvesether  
Lawrence Gesme  
Art Furness  
Harold Rye  
Alvin Domholdt  
Gladys Furness  
Nina Myli  
Ethel Myli  
Thelma Bray

**1926**

Hilma Banken  
Adelaide Torgerson  
Edna Draves  
Sylverne Johnson

**1925**

Loretta Bray  
Martha Knutsen  
Mildred Strombom  
Marie Bratrud  
Michael Hall  
Selmer Lee  
Oscar Olson  
Irene J. Halsne  
Alvin O. Hoel

**1924**

Clarinda Russell  
Ethel Rye  
Hazar Hall  
James Knutsen  
Alvin Bray  
Ernest H. Brunsvold  
Anton Draves  
Harry Draves  
Edna Myli  
Hilborg Furness  
Jennie Furness  
Kermit O. Kaasa

**1923**

Rueben Hall  
Melvin Hall  
Ethel Strandquist  
Gladys Gudvangen  
Hazel Knutsen  
Clarence Draves  
Olger Hoel

**1922**

Gena Skar  
Kelmer Sorenson  
Stella Hall  
Idella Olson  
Leona Gesme  
Angela Bratrud  
Carl Banken  
Palma Grove

1922 (cont)  
Ruth Strombom

**1921**

Andrew Luckason  
Helen Smeby  
Thelma Myli  
Lillie Nelson  
Elmer Williams  
Melvin Rye  
Melvin Gudvangen

**1920**

Hazel Olson  
Myrtle Johnson  
Kenneth Johnson  
Irvin Lee

**1919**

Alma Gudvangen  
Esther Strandquist  
Sylverne Helland  
Palmer Lee  
Orville Rye  
Marion B. Gaskel  
Oscar Smeby

**1918**

Kenneth Olson  
Clarence Brunsvold  
Alvin Gilbertson  
Amy Grove  
Laura Rye  
Amy Olson  
Hanna Gilbertson  
Fred O. Banken

**1915**

Oscar Domholdt  
Philip Myli  
Olga Gudvangen  
Esther Ford  
Theresa A. Olson  
Tina Erickson  
Bert Smeby  
Katherine A. Lockrem

**1914**

Clara Ure  
Glynda Grove  
Ida Domholdt  
Robert Myli  
John Smeby  
Myrtle Gesme  
Art Brenden  
Gilbert Roland  
Clara A. Brunsvold

**1912**

Ida Smeby  
Emma Sorenson  
Hazel Larson  
Leonard Gesme  
Albert Roland  
Helmer Thovson

**1911**

Cora Domholdt  
Oscar Moen  
Ervind J. Forde  
Minnie B. Brunsvold  
Corah L. Larsen  
Ingo. C. Lind

**1909**

Ed Bratrud  
Andrew B. Thovson  
Therese Torgeson  
Manda Sorenson  
Thomas O. Torgerson

**1908**

Alma Erickson  
Tommie O. Methus  
Edward Gesme  
Severind C. Ure  
Clara Robberstad

**1907**

Konow Bratrud  
Clarence Larson  
Tommy K. Sorensen

**1906**

Gilbert Erickson  
Oscar Elvesether  
Sophie Gesme  
Albert Methus  
Melvin Forde  
Ole Robberstad  
Ida J. Eide

**1905**

Alma Larson  
Arthur V. Torgersen

**1904**

Elmer Ford  
Ole Thovson  
Henry Gesme  
Ole Methus  
Edward Eriksen  
Emma O. Bratrud

**1902**

Elvira Jeglum  
Selma O. Torgerson

**1901**

Lena Evenson  
Melvin Gesme  
Nellie Gesme  
Milian M. Oppedal  
Norman L. Larsen  
Julia A. Thovson

**1900**

Gena Oppedahl  
Ole E. Bratrud  
Olga C. Torgerson  
Ingri O. Pedersen  
Anna M. Bratrud

**1899**

Selma Larson  
Clarence S. Rye  
Alfred J. Bratrud  
Louis W. Grove  
Karl L. Gesme  
Alice T. Bratrud  
Anne Karine Hendriksen

**1898**

Henry Marius Rye  
Nils Methus  
Gerhard T. Torgersen  
John B. Forde  
Thomas Bratrud  
Chas. Gjesme  
Martha A. I. Oppedal  
Ida Pedersen  
Thomas Thovson  
Isak Twedten  
Gunhild Twedten

**1895**

Ole Sheime  
Andreas Halverson  
Henry Rye  
Elmer Levang  
Augustine Halverson  
Julius Tallacksen  
Tina Holskar  
Anna Suby  
Sofie Hovland  
Anne Jacobsen  
Sarah Rodberg  
Marie Tresland  
Martin Sagen  
Gustav Daley  
Clarence Sagen  
Arne Johnson  
August Myhre  
Clarence Hendrickson  
Gerhard Hansen  
Erick Risland  
Norman Torgeson  
Bertha Bratrud

1895 (cont)  
Inga Medhus

**1894** (Unofficial First held in church at Brush Point)

Ida Forde  
Annie Evenson  
Serine Thovsen  
Ette Grove  
Minnie Bratrud  
Julia Pederson  
Thomas Rye  
Elmer Forde  
Johnnie Bratrud  
Jacob Halsor

**1892** (unofficial)

Betsy Forde  
O'Lava Pederson  
Helgena Thovson  
Ingvald Torgerson

**1891**

Almer Ryhe  
Elias Olsen  
Hendry Edward Bratrud  
Martin Hovland  
Ole Grovum  
Cicilia Andersen  
Ella Nilsen  
Gurine Jacobsen  
Hehnine Halverson  
Karine Dahley  
Karoline Rodberg  
Unne Ouverson

**1890**

Albert Bergstad  
Hans Hoff  
Johan Holskar  
John Olsen  
Oskar Torgersen  
Paul Myre  
Ole Myre  
Peder Levang  
Sivert Monsen  
Thorny Bratrud  
Amalia Levis  
Ida Bratrud  
Johanna Ryhe  
Marie Mokster

**1889**

Andreas Forde  
Karl Bergstad  
Peder Grove  
Sigurd Prestholt  
Annie Johannesen  
Cicilia Grovum  
Ida Hovland

**1889** (cont)

Karine Pedersen  
Karine Aslaksen  
Ragna Sagen

**1888**

Amanda Sanderson  
Anne Dahley  
Bertha Jacobsen  
Hendriette Olsen  
Inger Pedersen  
Karine Helgeson  
Marie Paulson  
Rebekka Mathias  
Rikka Rodberg  
Anders Kjvstolsen  
Bendik Thorson  
Gulleik Sanderson  
Paul Paulsen  
Otto Bratrud

**1887**

Albert Hovland  
Johan Anderson  
Keno Knudsen  
Nils Mathias  
Peder Grovum  
Aaste HeleneInger Peterson  
Katharine Paulson

**1886**

Johannes Knudsen  
Andreas Sivertsen  
Simond Grovum  
Thomas Thovsen  
Nils Kjastolsen  
Annie Andersen  
Marie Daley  
Annie Tvedtine

**1885**

Andreas Oppedahl  
Cornelius Sagen  
Gudmond Gudmundsen  
Jacob Jacobsen  
Peder Pederson  
Anne Olsen  
Anne Andersen  
Aase Lea  
Elizabeth Larsen  
Grete Sandersen  
Helga Aslaksen  
Oline Ouverson

**1884**

Arne Ryhe  
Casper Olsen  
Engebrigt Pederson  
Gilbert Bergstad  
Halvor Prestholt

**1884** (cont)

Jacob Lee  
Olava Andreason  
Bergit Sanderson  
Else Abrahamson  
Alice Bratrud  
Gunhild Tvedtene  
Kristine Daley  
Caroline Sagen  
Marie Thorsen  
Sigri Jacobsen  
Ihea Nyhus

**1883**

Andreas Johannesen  
Anders Larsen  
Even Aslaksen  
Johannes Bergstad  
Mikkal Bratrud  
Ole Knudsen  
Anne Grove  
Martha Mokstad

**1882**

Anders Mokstad  
Einar Nyhus  
Nils Olsen  
Anna Segelstad  
Gunhild Jacobsen  
Jannette Halverson  
Maline Pederson  
Sophie Sanderson  
Thomine Thorson

**1881**

Ole Listerud  
Gunhild Sanderson  
Inger Grove

**1880**

Arne Aslaksen  
Anne Prestholt  
Anne Gullickson  
Kari Larson  
Mari Pederson

**1879**

Halvor Hovland  
John Bergstad  
Anna Sanderson  
Anna Thorson  
Gunvor Grovum  
Martha Mokstad  
Marget Gudmundson



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