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“Blessed by the Riches of God’s Grace”

Grace Lutheran Church History: 50th Anniversary (1960 to 2010)

By Theodore G. Gullixson



The area around Madison, Wisconsin, played an important part in the Old Norwegian Synod. It became the center for Norwegian immigration. The Old Norwegian Synod seminary had its beginning in Madison. Many Norwegian congregations sprang up in the city and in the surrounding area. Pastors Preus and Otteson served most of their ministry near Madison.

Until 1960, three ELS congregations were in the Madison area: Our Savior’s in downtown Madison, the mission of Holy Cross and Western Koshkonong of Cottage

Grove. Topography makes Madison essentially two cities—downtown and east and the west. In the 1940s and 50s, synod members moving to new developments on the west side had a long drive to churches on the east side of Madison. In 1959, the synod’s Mission Board reported that they were looking at Madison as one of three places to begin home mission work. Those on the Mission Board were Norman Werner, Rev. Stuart Dorr, Rev. Wilhelm Petersen (appointed for one year), Thomas Beiber, Rev. Eivind Unseth, Rev. George Gullixson, and O. M. Wilson (of Madison, Wisconsin).

As a result of this report, the pastors of the three congregations mentioned above—the Reverends George Orvick, Arnold Kuster, and George Gullixson—began holding services in homes on the west side. The response to these services moved the Mission Board at its March, 1960, meeting to call Rev. William Petersen, pastor of the Oklee, Minnesota parish, to serve as a home missionary. During this same time, the synod was wrestling with the question of whether or not to remain in the Synodical Conference.

On May 19, 1960 the Mission Board sent a delegation to a meeting at the home of Stanley and Joan Reinholtz, who at that time were members of Holy Cross, to discuss

plans for starting a congregation. Some of those who attended this meeting were Rev. Wilhelm Petersen, Rev. George Orvick (pastor at Holy Cross), Rev. George Gullixson, (pastor at Western Koshkonong and on the Mission Board) and a few couples who had been attending these services.



At the meeting, it was decided to hold exploratory services at the West Side Business Men's Clubhouse. On June 5, 1960 the Rev. Wilhelm Petersen was commissioned as a home missionary for this mission effort. His family moved into a brick home along Old Middleton road. Many of the early members came from the area around this house. Much time was spent canvassing the neighborhoods. Within months the synod authorized the purchase of land at the corner of Rosa Road and Regent Street. Regent Street had not yet been completed to the east.

Grace Lutheran Church formally organized on August 16, 1960 at the home of Stanley Reinholtz. Peter Harstad was one of the charter members, which totaled 41 souls among ten families. In January, 1961, Grace Lutheran Church resolved to join the Evangelical Lutheran Synod, and was accepted into synod membership at the June convention.

An architect was engaged and building plans were made to construct a basic unit, with plans for a larger church to be built later. A ground-breaking service was conduct-

ed by Rev. Petersen on June 18, 1961. Before work on the church building was completed, worship services began to be held on November 19 of that year. The church membership had grown to 86 souls. Completing the new building involved many members in the work. There were painting nights, pew construction times, tile laying events, cleaning days, and social events.



The building was dedicated to the glory of God on January 28, 1962. The Rev. Milton Tweit, then president of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod, preached and dedicated the building to the glory of God. More than 450 people attended the two services on that Sunday.



In 1969, the congregation began a nine-year program to retire its debt, called "Looking Forward Program." The mortgage on the church property was burned in a ceremony on January 1978.

By 1972, when the congregation celebrated the 10th anniversary of the

dedication of the building, the Holy Spirit had blessed Grace Lutheran with 165 communicant members and 271 baptized souls. Average attendance at worship services was 150. A nine-member Council dealt with the business matters. The members were involved with Sunday School classes, boys and girls Lutheran Pioneers, Youth Society, a library committee, a choir, Grace Circle and Grace Altar Guild, and the Evangelism committee. A softball team provided fellowship with the members of other ELS and WELS area churches. Pastor Wilhelm and Mrs. Naomi Petersen taught a Week-day School for upper elementary students. Members also participated in circuit activities such as the Bethany Auxiliary and the Evangelical Lutheran Synod Laymen's Organization (ELSLO) at which the four area ELS congregations provided support for seminary students from the area. The junior and senior choirs were directed by Rev. and Mrs. Otto Abrams.

During the first fifteen years, an organ was purchased from another church. The organists listed for this time were Naomi Peterson, Amanda Madson, Journ Ravnan, Nancy Petersen and Darla LaRoque.

The congregation celebrated its 15th anniversary in 1977 with the Rev. George A. R. Gullixson as guest speaker. That same year, Pastor Wilhelm Petersen accepted a call to serve Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, Mankato, Minnesota. The Rev. Norman Madson served as the vacancy pastor until the next pastor came.

The Rev. Warren Granke was installed as pastor of Grace in May, 1978. That August, Eleanor Wilson became the editor of "Grace Notes," a parish newsletter. She was also involved with organizing the church library. During the next summer, the Mission Board funded a vicar with the intention to carry out exploratory work in the south part of Madison. Craig Ferkenstad came to Grace in August of 1979 and his work re-

sulted in worship services being started in Oregon, Wisconsin on February 10, 1980.

The 20th anniversary service was held in 1980 with three seminary students, sons of the congregation, participating in the worship service: John Dukleth, Bradley Homan, and Thomas Petersen. The next year, the congregation celebrated the twentieth year of teaching Sunday School classes by Mrs. Harriet Bakken.

Some who served as officers at Grace are names recognized by members in the ELS: Stanley Reinholtz, Roland Reinholtz, Duane Wosje, Donald Peterson, Richard Homan, John Dukleth, Bradley Homan and Edward Schneider. Several members of Grace were elected to offices in the Evangelical Lutheran Synod: Donald Peterson was on the Board of Trustees and Roland Reinholtz served on the Board of Regents and Stanley Reinholtz served on the Board for Christian Service.



By 1982, the congregation had grown so that two worship services were conducted

each Sunday. The baptized membership numbered 259, with 201 communicant members. In that year a building committee was formed. While plans existed to construct a larger church building, the congregation decided that this project was too expensive. The committee resolved to add on to the sanctuary and to add office and classroom space on the side of the building. The building renovation began in the spring of 1985 as part of the congregation's 25th anniversary year. The pastor moved his office to the parsonage during construction. The congregation also commissioned Prof. William Bukowski to paint a cross of three parts, representing baptism, Jesus on the cross, and the Lord's Supper. On November 3, 1985, the congregation dedicated its renovated building in a service at which synod president, the Rev. George Orvick preached. On the same day, the 25th anniversary of Grace was celebrated. Former pastor, the Rev. Wilhelm Petersen preached at that service.

The Rev. Warren Granke ended his pastorate at Grace in May of 1988. The Rev. Matthew Luttmann then was called to serve at Grace and was installed in August, 1988. In 1991 he accepted a call to be a missionary in Plzen, the Czech Republic. He was followed by the Rev. John Petersen, a nephew of Grace's first pastor. During his pastorate, Rev. Petersen also served on the Board for Thoughts of Faith, a mission to eastern Europe. He was called to Grace Lutheran Church, Vero Beach, Florida in 1998. During the vacancy, the Rev. Richard Lehmann, then the pastor of Faith Lutheran Church, Oregon, Wisconsin, also served the Grace congregation.

Candidate of Theology Jesse Jacobsen was assigned to serve Grace Lutheran Church in 1998. During the time of his pastorate, the congregation beautified its windows with stained glass windows made by the Rev. Martin Doepel. Pastor and members also worked to start a preschool at Grace. In 2005, they dedicated a playground added to the end of the church building. Through start-up funds from the synod, the Grace preschool began that fall with four students. When Pastor Jacobsen accepted a call to The Dalles, Oregon, the preschool was unable to sustain its enrollment. After much effort on the part of the members, the school program was ended in 2009. During the vacancy from January to July, 2006 the congregation was served by the Rev. Thomas Heyn, who lived in the Madison area.

On July 9, 2006, the Rev. Theodore Gullixson was installed as pastor at Grace. Congregation members have worked hard in the areas of evangelism, special activities for children (Pumpkin Parties, Christmas for Kids, and Spring Parties), Sunday School classes and Vacation Bible School classes for all ages.

In 2009, together with Faith Lutheran (Oregon, Wisconsin) and Western Koshkonnong Lutheran (Cottage Grove, Wisconsin), Grace was blessed to have Vicar Mark Faugstad help the members with their outreach work and activities for children.

During the year 2010, Grace Lutheran Church is celebrating its 50th anniversary under the theme "Blessed by the Riches of God's Grace." The congregation is grateful for the support it has received from the Evangelical Lutheran Synod over these years.

Letters To Lake Mills, Iowa, From Alaska

The correspondence of Otto Tjernagel with his family

In Lake Mills, Iowa, from June to October, 1944

Compiled by Amanda Madson

Otto Tjernagel (1896-1958) from Story City, Iowa, and Amanda Huso (1897-1987) from Joice, Iowa, were married in Lake Mills March 28, 1925. Both were members of minority groups that formed "The Norwegian Synod of the American Evangelical Lutheran Church" in 1918 at Lime Creek Church, near Lake Mills, Iowa. Miss Huso was present at the June meeting.



Otto Alfred Tjernagel
1896 - 1958

After their marriage, they moved to Story City, members of Bethany Lutheran Church, until 1932, when they moved to a farm near Lake Mills and were members of Lime Creek, with Henry Ingebritson, pastor. Daughter Mildrid, age 6, attended Lime Creek Christian Day School. Sven, age 2, played with the sheep and a dog.

In September, 1935, Otto bought an unfinished building in Jericho, Iowa, and renovated it into a home and grocery store. Here his uncle H. M. Tjernagel was his pastor, baptizing

Little Amanda, born in 1936. The store was not profitable so they returned to Lake Mills in 1940 looking for work, eventually repairing farm machinery for the Tom Shawhan Implementation Company.

His weekly wage of \$35.00 enabled him, in the summer of 1941, to purchase a two-bedroom stucco home one block from the public school where his three children enrolled. In January, 1942, a plan was hatched whereby three Lake Mills families would pool resources, buy a Model A Ford, and board the teacher in Lake Mills so he could drive these seven children to the Lime Creek Christian Day School, five miles north of Lake Mills. Seminary graduate, Lyle Halvorson moved into the Tjernagel front room, slept on the sofa with a fabric screen for privacy, and happily served as teacher and chauffeur during this wartime year when vicar placements for seminary students were scarce. Luther Vangen did the same in fall of 1942, followed by Paul Anderson for the 1943-44 school year. Luther Vangen returned in 1944 as teacher and pastor, boarding part time with another family because in September of 1944, Otto Tjernagel was not home. He had moved to Alaska!

Otto's \$20.00 monthly house payments, supporting his family plus a teacher, and his gifts to his church in Lake Mills and school at Lime Creek were difficult to fund on his meager salary. Somehow he learned of wartime construction work in Fairbanks, Alaska.

Otto had been exempt from World War 1 due to a crooked right arm. But at age 48, too old for World War 11, Otto, brother-in-law, Oscar Huso, and two Lake Mills brothers, Paul and Norman Johnson, joined 15 men in St. Paul, MN, to head for Alaska to earn high wartime wages working for Morrison-Knudsen Construction Company, builders of the Hoover Dam and other massive projects. Otto wrote 50 letters from Alaska, from June 2

to October 22. His wife, Amanda, carefully preserved them. His son-in-law, Norman Madson, transcribed these penciled letters, creating a small book of history and love. All these letters were "Passed by US Army Examiner." Otto could not reveal details of his work, only writing, "I'll tell you everything when I come home." Perhaps he told his family the details, but Mildrid, 18, Sven, 12, and Amanda, 8, could not remember them. When these letters were printed early 2009, they still did not know what Otto had been doing, but surmised he had been building an air force base.

Otto's education stopped at eighth grade in a one-room school, but writing was taught well. His letters follow the instructions for every good writer, "Write what you know and feel." Otto followed this plan; he wrote of many emotions he did not frequently verbalize.

EXCERPTS FROM A FEW LETTERS

June 3, 1944

Now then, we are here. I have found Oscar and all is well. Left our starting point, and had 2000 miles to fly. It is quite a sensation the first time. While crossing the mountains, the clouds broke and left a clear view, boy! I can't describe it. But I can describe how sick I got. Folks, I'll buy a team of dogs before I go in the air again. The steward saved my life by taking over. I owe him much. You should see the gardens in Fairbanks, just as advanced as the gardens in the states.

June 5, 1944

Two days have I labored. I don't dare figure up my in-come as it would startle me too much. 22 ½ hours in two day @ \$1.31 ½ for the first 8 hours, the rest is time & ½ @ \$1.96 ¼. If I can keep that up I am not complaining. Oscar is taking it all with a big smile. He is on the cement gang. Most of the time I am using a shovel. Carpenter work is scarce up here. Have not located Norman and Paul yet.

June 18, 1944

Paul J. and I were together for three hours. Paul came down the walk with a full growth of beard as red as red can be, fat as a steer and happy. Oscar is still on the cement gang, but I am afraid he will soon leave. Well, I plan to stick it out till the last Jap is rounded up. I am sending a draft of \$100. I am buying bonds at \$18.75 a month. It is expected of us all to do this. Amanda and Sven, thank you for remembering me on father's day. It made me so happy it hurt.

June 22, 1944

A mosquito just bit me on the eyelid and it is starting to swell. I bought a bed net. After I get under the net, my worries are over. I wouldn't take \$10 for it. Washing clothes is a small problem. I do admit the underwear looks like a piece of dried codfish, but they are clean just the same.

June 25, 1944

I am sorry to relate there is no chance to go to church except to a Chaplain Service on Friday night. I went last Friday and was quite pleased with the sermon.

July 4, 1944

Hurrah! The fourth is to be observed, which leaves us \$30 in the red. The whole crew is up in arms. We have some interesting characters here. Six real bachelors, one Indian, one young teenage boy, and one family man, meaning myself. Do you realize I have been here a month already? I have missed only 3 ½ hours this month due to eating some boiled cabbage that tamed me down very much. The nurse used her last resort and gave me a big shot of brandy on an empty stomach. She gave me too much and I became in plain words drunk, but it worked just the same. Outside of this deal I have felt good so don't worry about me.

July 9, 1944

I have a prince of a boss. He makes life easy for us. Too bad Oscar got such a poor start. He works under a great big raw boned

Swede who knows nothing about handling men and much less about cement work. Oscar told him in his quiet way, "If I were a little larger I would beat you into a beautiful pulp." The boys who heard it are still laughing. Oscar is quite a favorite amongst the men he works with. He should be the general foreman here on this job.

July 20, 1944

I hope I can work at least six months. Shorter than that will not be so profitable. Everything here is peaceful, but not so quiet. Big Cats wheel past our bunk house every night, also big trucks. Planes fly over our little home. The building quivers and the beds sing. One flew over early this morning. The wheels must have just nipped the stove pipe, it was that close. I started thinking about what so many have to go through in the war zones. I am digging some holes, first through a heavy layer of asphalt, and continue through rock and gravel till I reach a depth of five feet. The hole is four feet wide and I stand on the bank and reach down with a long handled spoon, as it is not wide enough to work in the hole. This job requires no brains, and a strong back you do not need, so I fit perfect. A man is supposed to dig four in one day. I dug three this afternoon, and I loafed on the job. I shouldn't have done it, because it makes the rest of the crew cast some dirty glances at you, and say not too nice thing about you. I am learning fast, though.

July 22, 1944

Oscar left me last night. I took a half day off to see him off. He leaves Fairbanks Monday by bus to Anchorage and from there takes the first boat out. He was thoroughly fed up with this project. No, my dear, I don't have to wash in the river. Where did you get that idea? There is a wash room with tubs and boards, and hot water sometimes. The water is hard. In fact, the underwear looks worse after washing. I love you all. Daily I pray for you all. Now goodnight, and God bless you. Dad

August 6, 1944

Had a letter from Oscar, He has been in Anchorage since he left a week ago. No place to lay his head as hotels are full. He had to sit on a chair and sleep in a saloon the days he had on his hands waiting for his boat. Oscar has had enough of beautiful Alaska. His love for this country is limited.

August 15, 1944

I am not in the best mood tonight as I had the misfortune of losing my shaving equipment. I left it for a few moments in the washroom, and when I returned it was gone. I was mad enough to hurt someone. Now I have to spend big money to replace my outfit. Boy, that hurts. By the way, check on Rev. G.E. Nitz of Anchorage. He is a missionary at large for the Lutheran Church. Will be at Fairbanks on his first trip the third Sunday of this month. Ask Luther if he can find some dope on this man. Hope I can soon go to church. This bothers me, not to attend church.

August 27, 1944

Mildrid, I am afraid it is useless to send the Lake Mills Graphic. Such mail is piled high along the line, making room for first class mail. Sven, how is the man of the house? Take good care of mama. Amanda, you have to help Sven. You can do it by helping with the dishes. I am still well and getting fat. I now weigh 186#, and still going up. I quit smoking. It was quite an ordeal, but I have won the battle. I wish Tom Shawhan could get wind of the fact. He was saying it was impossible to quit after so many years. Well, I dood it. My teeth are better, my feet are better also. A pair of good shoes did the trick.

August 27, 1944

The Sentinels have come through. Thanks much, my dear. I worked overtime tonight. That helps to swell the check. I could work more, but I can't take it. Ten hours a day is plenty.

September 2, 1944

I don't know where I am going from here. Men are leaving camp daily. Our foreman is trying to hang on to some of his best men. I am included in this, so I may be here for the remainder of the season. I can't stay awake any longer. Hurry Mildrid with the letter you have started. Please.

September 4, 1944

Everybody is up in the air. The job here is coming to a close. Galena is the spot where the men are being shipped, a place between Fairbanks and Nome, I should judge about 250 miles. I had a letter from Tom (Shawhan). He wants me to come back to work with the same old wage, \$35. Not much. Not little.

September 10, 1944

I wish you were here to help me decide what to do. I have a chance to either come home or go to Galena. Galena is a bad spot, very low and wet, sleep in tents, work in mud. I am scared of it. Still I should really make something out of this deal. Deep down in my heart I prefer to come home to you, Sweetheart. But if I don't, I'll be home for Christmas. What a day that will be. I would like to have a thousand dollars clear before I come home. I'll have to leave you now, darling. It's grand to have someone like you to live for. And think of those grand kids we have. Now good night, sweetheart.

September 13, 1944

As you see I have changed locations. It happened so fast. I had the most wonderful plane ride Friday. I have the honor to stand on the bank of the Yukon River. We sleep in tents. With a nice fire it's cozy. I don't know what I'm allowed to say.

September 15, 1944

I have braved two days at Galena. Not the most pleasant days digging in the mud. I am coming home for Christmas if I have to drive dogs. You had better locate a good goose. Mildrid, I wish I could tease you a little bit

about coming in the bathroom and curling your hair after midnight. Sven, my boy, my last plane ride was a knock out. I saw a soldier shoot a bear six o'clock this morning. The army eats them. Amanda, my little girl, I saw a little Indian girl about the size of your doll running around playing with a big black dog. She was holding the dog's tail.

September 18, 1944

My dearest one: I am telling you, Amanda, this is rugged. Even so it hasn't got me down yet. We have about six weeks left this fall. By that time everything will be frozen hard I hope.

September 21, 1944

Galena with its mud and rain and snow is no paradise. I can't say much about the work, but I am going to say we are moving houses out of the mud to higher ground. I am mud from top to bottom. When I get back to living again, I am going to dress up in a white shirt and just stay dressed up till I have had enough.

September 23, 1944

Every day brings me closer to you, my love. We were nineteen when we left St. Paul way back in June. I am the only one left now. The rest had sense enough to return to their loved ones. Well, I'll tell you the reason why I stayed on. It is because I love you all beyond words, and this way I can express my love by bringing home a little money to fall back on.

October 13, 1944

I am well dressed, but it costs money. One has to have shoes with fur turned in, parkas, and mittens reaching almost to the elbows, and heavy woolen underwear. I may have to leave some clothes behind. Sixty pounds is all I can take home. Camp Mile 26 (near Fairbanks) was a swell place compared to this. One Indian told me, "Before this war activity, the Indians were happy and content, but now they have had a taste of earning big money easy, and I am scared to think about the future when we have to go back to normal living again."

It is, no doubt, necessary to prepare in these various places and to build air bases here and there for peacetime use, and also be ready for the unseen. But I still want to come home, honey, to all of you. November 1st is my deadline now.

October 21, 1944

I don't like my job. We have a boss who makes life miserable for all his fellow men. I get so mad it renders me speechless and helpless. Perhaps it's a good thing, as someone would get seriously hurt. Perhaps it would be me. I can see an end to this hut moving. After that I am not looking for more work. I am going to shun work and come home by hook or crook.

October 22, 1944

I did not finish my letter of the 21st. I had no way to get it mailed and I was mad and tired. This morning I got up with that sore back again. That means two or three days off. When I get away from this house moving, I'll be O.K. This is too heavy for anyone to stand day in and day out. I am on my way to Galena to buy me a cap. I need warm headgear. I am going to take it easy and get over this back trouble. Don't worry about me. The only thing that gets me down is losing out on all that good pay. Much love to all. Otto

EPILOGUE

Otto's last letter was dated October 22, 1944. Mildrid and Little Amanda recall his arrival home during the night, date unknown. Otto returned to work for Tom Shawhan and Luther Vangen moved back into the Tjernagel front room. Oscar periodically lived with the family also.

Through Mildrid's recent research, we finally know what Otto's war work entailed. His work was not at Ladd Field near Fairbanks, now named Fort Wainwright, begun in 1939 as a cold weather test station. Beginning on September 3, 1942, Ladd Field became a critical link in the Alaska-Siberia Lend Lease

route. From 1942-1945, American crews delivered almost 8,000 aircraft to Soviet crews. U.S. pilots flew stripped planes from Great Falls, Montana, to Fairbanks. The planes were transferred to the Russians at Ladd Field, then flown to Siberia via Galena and Nome to be used in the Soviet war effort against Germany.

The planes from Montana were sometimes unable to make it to Ladd. So the military decided to build an auxiliary field close, but south of Ladd Field. This base was called "Mile 26" by some workers, including Otto. From Fairbanks to the south end of the runway was 26 miles. The Army completed construction of the original base in October, 1944, a base of 600 acres with housing for 108 officers and 330 enlisted.

When Otto finished there, he worked on the air base in Galena where the Russian pilots would refuel. In 1948, the Air Force changed the name of "26 Mile Post" to Eielson Air Force Base.

Yes, Otto found the fellow using his shaving outfit. He did not even give him a chance to finish shaving. The thief made for the door in great haste. August 18, 1944

Mildrid has the last house payment cancelled check written by Amanda to Mrs. Jennie Tolsrud, dated March 18, 1950, for \$21.23. It was noted in the left corner: Final payment on contract. Signed by Amanda Tjernagel using Otto's name



Mildrid Genevieve, 20, Otto Alfred, 50,
Amanda Olivia, 10, Amanda Eveline, 49,
Sven Lauritiz, 14.

Anniversaries: Churches and Schools of the ELS

(Please inform the editors of errors and omissions.)

1890: 120 years ago

First Evanger Lutheran Church, Fertile, MN, organized.

Hartland Lutheran Church, Hartland, MN, organized.

1915: 95 years ago

Manchester Lutheran Church, Manchester, MN, organized.

1920: 90 years ago

First Evanger Lutheran Church, Fertile, MN, joined the ELS.

Hartland Lutheran Church, Hartland MN, joined the ELS.

Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, Trail, MN, joined the ELS.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Princeton, MN, organized.

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Madison, WI, joined the ELS.

Western Koshkonong Lutheran Church, Cottage Grove WI, joined the ELS.

1925: 85 years ago

Rock Dell Lutheran Church, Belview, MN, joined the ELS.

1930: 80 years ago

Concordia Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI, joined the ELS.

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Audubon, MN, joined the ELS.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Belview, MN, joined the ELS.

1940: 70 years ago

Pinehurst Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI, joined the ELS.

1945: 65 years ago

Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN established a Christian Day School.

1950: 60 years ago

Bethany Lutheran Church, Luverne, MN, organized.

1960: 50 years ago

Grace Lutheran Church, Madison, WI, organized.

1965: 45 years ago

Faith Lutheran Church, East Jordan, MI, organized.

1970: 40 years ago

Grace Lutheran Church, Crookston, MN, organized.

Scriptural Lutheran Church, Cape Girardeau,

MO, organized.

St. Paul Lutheran Church, Escondido, CA, organized.

1975: 35 years ago

Our Savior Lutheran Church, Bishop, CA, joined the ELS.

Our Savior Lutheran Church, Naples, FL, joined the ELS.

1980: 30 years ago

Faith Lutheran Church, Oregon, WI, organized and, joined the ELS.

Our Savior Lutheran Church, Lake Havasu City, AZ, joined the ELS.

1985: 25 years ago

Bethany Lutheran Church, The Dalles, OR, organized and, joined the ELS.

Christ Lutheran Church, Windsor, CA, joined the ELS.

Faith Lutheran Church, Alpena, MI, joined the ELS.

Faith Lutheran Church, Irvine, CA, joined the ELS.

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Saginaw, MI, organized.

Our Savior Lutheran Church, North Lakeland, FL, organized.

Redeemer Lutheran Church, Scottsdale, AZ, organized.

1990: 20 years ago

Holton Lutheran Church, Holton, MI established a Christian Day School.

Saved By Grace Lutheran Church, Gresham, OR, organized and, joined the ELS.

Scriptural Lutheran Church, Cape Girardeau, MO, joined the ELS.

1995: 15 years ago

Christ the King Lutheran Church, Green Bay, WI, joined the ELS.

Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Holland, MI, organized and, joined the ELS.

Resurrection Lutheran Church, Winter Haven, FL, joined the ELS.

Trinity Lutheran Church, Rogers City, MI, organized and, joined the ELS.

Zion Lutheran Church, North Huntingdon, PA, joined the ELS.

2000: 10 years ago

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Indianola, IA, joined the ELS.

ELS Historical Society — Fourteenth Annual Meeting
Saturday, June 19, 2010

Bethany Lutheran College
Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center
Mankato, Minnesota

Theme: *The Many Facets of Dr. U. V. Koren (1826-1910)*

Scheduled Speakers and Topics:

Dr. Koren, the Immigrant Pastor and Theologian,

by Dr. John Christianson

Domestic Life of Immigrant Pastors, by Tim Grundmeier

Dr. Koren the Hymnwriter, by Prof. Mark DeGarmeaux

Dr. Koren the Citizen, by Prof. Ryan MacPherson

Norwegian Church Service



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Because of our obligations with Pioneer Food Service

we will NOT be able to accommodate meals for those who do not pre-register and prepay.

REGISTRATION WITH LUNCH MUST BE PREPAID by June 1.

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**Reservations
and
payment
must be
received by
June 1.**

Name: _____

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City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Membership dues (see chart on back page) = \$ _____

Registration with Lunch: ___ # attending x \$15 = \$ _____

Registration without Lunch: ___ # attending x \$10 = \$ _____

Additional donation = \$ _____

Total = \$ _____

Please send payment for meeting and membership by June 1 to:

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renewals are due **June 1**

Voting Membership:

\$10/year: individual
\$15/year: husband & wife

Associate Membership:

\$15/year: individual
\$25/year: institutional
\$5/year: student

Lifetime Membership:

\$200