Mt. Horeb Lutheran Churches of the Martinson family

**East Blue Mounds Lutheran**
My great grandparents Torkel and Barbro Martinson attended the East Blue Mounds Church after they married in 1883. Both are buried there. My grandfather (their son), Martin, along with his siblings, attended this church while growing up on the original Martinson homestead on Sharpes Corner Road. The East Blue Mounds Church, south of Mt. Horeb, was torn down in 1963.

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**Springdale Lutheran Church**
In 1912, two years after my grandparents, Clara and Martin married, they purchased their farm on Highway 92, three miles south of Mt. Horeb. A road extended from their farm, across the field, to the Springdale Lutheran Church on Highway 18, two miles east of Mt. Horeb. During their early years on the farm, they joined this church due to the convenient route and close proximity. Most of their nine children were baptized here.

At left, the Springdale Church as it is today. Some family members still attend this church.

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**Mt. Horeb Evangelical Lutheran** -- In the 1920s, the road extending from Martinson’s farm to the Springdale Church was closed. It became a farm field road. At this time, Clara and Martin Martinson, along with their nine growing children, joined the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Mt. Horeb. It is here that all nine children were confirmed and attended Sunday School. Many Martinson family members still attend this church today.

At left is the old church on Main Street. It was torn down in 1962 and replaced with the new church (below and at right.)