

Secretary's Notes 1954-1980

December 4, 1955

Treasurer and trustees to borrow money for new parsonage. Vote to go on pledge system; Yes 29, No 15.

December 14, 1955

Melvin Huset to change locks on church doors. Church to be locked when not in use.

August 6, 1957

Special meeting—Maintenance Committee gave a report on the dangerous condition of the steeple. Motion made and seconded and unanimously approved to have the steeple removed. A motion was made and seconded and carried to keep bell in present location. Motion to build a crown effect with provision to build a spire later, if wanted. Board authorized to borrow money and carried out this project.

August 28, 1957

Special meeting—Discussed bids on tower project. Sutton's bid of \$7,900 accepted. Accepted insurance settlement of \$4,861 from Farmer's Mutual Insurance.

September 4, 1957

Agreed to top crown with a cross and have a man hole out on the roof.

June 23, 1958

Special meeting—Every member visit for pledges for black topping parking lot.

September 2, 1959

Special meeting—Trustees authorized to take charge of organ repair. Plan 2 accepted, namely to repair present organ at cost of \$6,530.

December 6, 1959

Increase janitor wage to \$300.00. Pay Robert Hauge \$1.25 per hour for cemetery care.

March 20, 1960

Special meeting—Purpose: to co-sign note to offer Church's assets as collateral to enable West Middleton Lutheran Church to get loan. (Church being served by Pastor Pinke.) Result of vote: Yes, 45 and No, 49—Motion defeated.

March 25, 1961

RESOLUTION: Whereas, the Norwegian Lutheran Churches of Blue Mounds, Springdale and Vermont, on March 3, 1884 for purpose of organizing and incorporating a religious society of Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Church

in the towns of Blue Mounds, Springdale and Vermont, and WHEREAS, the three separate congregations incorporated as one corporation and record their Articles of Incorporation with the Register of Deeds, and, WHEREAS, new laws have been created since the incorporation above stated, to clarify, particularly chapter 181 created 1953; THEREFORE, be it resolved: That the Board of Trustees of said corporation recommend and deem it advisable and for the benefit of said congregation that said corporation be dissolved and reincorporated into three separate church corporations. Motion made, seconded and carried. Results: 90 ballots cast: Yes 60; No 30. Motion passed. Each church to retain one-third share of parsonage. Representatives from Vermont were: Joe Dybdahl, Grant Skalet, Leonard Moe, Merrill Mickelson, and Harold Peterson.

December 3, 1961

Annual meeting—Officers to investigate possibilities of installing a small furnace to heat kitchen and rest rooms.

May 29, 1962

Special meeting of trustees of West Blue Mounds. Springdale and Vermont met at Parsonage, Mt. Horeb. Pastor Solberg, after much prayer and thought, submitted his resignation as pastor of the three congregations to accept a call at Olivet Lutheran Church, La Crosse, to become effective July 31, 1962.

INTERIM PASTORS

Eleven months following the resignation of Pastor Oliver Solberg on July 1, 1962, pastoral duties for the Vermont Lutheran congregation were supplied by local visiting pastors and students from Wartburg Seminary at Dubuque, Iowa. A few of the names are missing because the entry book simply says "student."

July 9	Rev. E.R. Anderson, guest speaker
July 15	Rev. E.R. Anderson, guest speaker
August 11	Rev. E.R. Anderson, guest speaker
September 1	Rev. E.R. Anderson, guest speaker
September 22	Emma Eide, Mission Fest (Rhodesia)
September 22	Darroll Beckman, Wartburg Seminary
October 6	Victor Baderschneider, Wartburg Seminary

October 13 Victor Baderschneider,
Wartburg Seminary
October 27 Ken Boden, Wartburg Seminary
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Wartburg Seminary
November 4 Ken Boden, Wartburg Seminary
November 18 Student
November 25 Student
December 9 Student
December 23 Rev. Frank Benz, Communion
Service
December 30 William Ray, Wartburg
Seminary
January 6 William Ray, Wartburg
Seminary
January 19 James Schwarz, Wartburg
Seminary
January 26 Norman Braatz, Wartburg
Seminary
February 9 Norman Braatz, Wartburg
Seminary
February 17 James Schwarz, Wartburg
Seminary
March 3 Student
March 10 Student
March 17 Rev. T.N. Borgen, Our Saviours
Black Earth
March 24 Robert Johnson, Wartburg
Seminary
March 30 Robert Johnson, Wartburg
Seminary
April 14 Student
April 20 Duane Matz, Wartburg Seminary
May 4 Student, Wartburg Seminary
May 12 Reuben Drefe, Wartburg
Seminary
June 1 Pastor T.N. Borgen, Pastor of
Vermont Lutheran and Our
Our Saviours Lutheran.

December 1, 1963

We became a two-point parish with Black Earth Lutheran on May 5, 1963. Pastor Borgen suggested that Vermont Lutheran apply for membership in Oakwood Lutheran Homes Corporation. So moved by Norm Haugen, seconded by Norton Urness. Carried by voice vote. Announcement of Laura and Amos Thorsrud having willed \$500.00 to Vermont Lutheran Church, and \$500.00 to Vermont Lutheran Cemetery Association for perpetual care. Suggested lighting steps into the church.

August 14, 1964

Agreed to underwrite loan of \$1,000 to Our Saviours Lutheran Church Building Fund. Call furnace man to check furnace.

November 24, 1964

Furnace condition not good. Norton

Urness elected to obtain estimate for repairing or replacing furnace.

February 3, 1965

Motion by Harold Peterson to raise Robert Hauge's salary \$100.00 if he would install a telephone.

December 7, 1965

Annual meeting—Pastor Borgen reported the deaths of three members this year: Mrs. Albert (Tonetta) Dybdahl, Mrs. Waldie (Mary) Bohn, and Leonard Moe. Report on Furnace Committee, rising vote of thanks to Paul Peterson for work done on the furnace. He donated time and material. Discussion on possibility of installing public address system. Merton Dauck volunteered to install storm windows for basement. Consult officers of Our Saviours of possibility of having services there if the "Hill" is too slippery.

January 6, 1966

Joint Council—Pastor's salary to remain at \$3,500 plus \$550 car allowance.

December 5, 1966

Annual meeting—The following members have been buried in Vermont Cemetery this year; Clarence Norslien, Mrs. John (Dena) Greve, Joseph Barsness, Robert Ogilvie, Mrs. Harland (Della) Sheehan, Mrs. Anton (Emma) Severson, Carl Mickelson and Mrs. Clarence (Martha) Ellwood. Public address system to be installed as soon as money is available. \$100 to Oakwood and \$50 to Lutherdale Bible Camp.

March 6, 1967

Call Wallace Boley to check heating plant.

December 3, 1967

Annual meeting—Vermont has long ago passed the stage of being a "MISSION" church, and now we must become a "Missionary" serving others. Funerals: Earl Lee, Mrs. Elve (Lena) Steensrud, Helmuth Schroeder, Mrs. Elmer Thorson. Committee to review new constitution for Vermont Lutheran Church: Mattie Urness, Almond Anderson, and Aldro Johnson, Jr.

April 8, 1968

Trustee Meeting—Duties of janitor. Care of heating equipment, have church building heated and open for all occasions, dust, vacuum, sweep and mop to keep things clean, burn rubbish and shovel snow.

November 11, 1968

Pastor's salary increased \$500. Parish secretary to receive \$1.25 per hour. Deer Hunters Meeting to be held in Fellowship Hall on Saturday evening preceding the opening of season.

December 2, 1968

Annual meeting—Funerals: Mrs. Gilbert (Thelma) Severson, Robert Hauge, Mrs. Albert (Olive) Steensrud, Clarence Ellwood, and Kirstin Skalet. Church council to send letter to delinquent members. Constitution accepted as presented.

December 8, 1968

Trustees—We will participate in every member visit program January 8 to 12, 1969. Donald Schultz chairman, Virginia Urness publicity and Paul Skalet. Team captains, Norton Urness, Melvin Severson, Philip Skalet, William Parrell and David Haugen.

March 7, 1969

At present \$1,000 in speaker fund. Financial secretary to chose desired type of offering envelope. Mrs. Earl (Selma) Lee delegate to the convention at Green Lake. Southwest window under balcony broken by vandals throwing beer bottle. Melvin Severson to repair doors and steps.

September 9, 1969

Church Council—Bible School teachers to be paid \$10 each. Materials need to be paid for by the congregation from general fund.

November 17, 1969

Council meeting—Secretary to draw up a letter to be sent to delinquent members. Lutheran Standard in every home to be paid for by the church. Members wishing to do so may reimburse the church.

November 30, 1969

Annual Meeting—Amplification system installed. Funerals: Mrs. Elmer (Amelia) Mickelson, Mrs. John (Julena) Wittwer, Mrs. Selmer (Andrena) Severson, Stanley Steensrud, Alfred Everson and Earl Lee, Jr. Install storm windows and repair church proper window for \$3,970. Vote: Yes 32, No 12. Appreciation to Harold Helwig, Zane Schroeder, Aldro Johnson, Jr., and Merton Dauck for work done on speaker system.

September 1, 1970

Send non-contributors a letter.

November 10, 1970

Bible school teachers to receive \$15.

Cherub and Junior Choir directors and accompanist \$75 each. Check church roof and have needed repair done. Also check insulation. Committee: Melvin Severson, Grant Skalet and Zane Schroeder.

December 6, 1970

Annual Meeting—Funerals this year: Mrs. Robert (Geneva) Hauge, Aldro Johnson, Sr., Paul Peterson, Nels Urness, Mrs. Elliot (Martha) Mickelson, Mrs. Stephen (Dora) Halsten. Convention delegates: Joe Dybdahl and Melvin Severson. Weather-stripping and insulating left to church Council.

May 16, 1971

Confirmation: Bradley Billings, Paul Goderstad, Douglas Johnson, Eric Nelson, Joseph Schultz, Jeffrey Schultz, Harland Schroeder, Steve Sveum. Approved by Church Council.

July 18, 1971

Purpose: Pastor T.N. Borgen having received a call to serve another congregation, council wonders if action should be taken to try to keep him with us if possible. Possible increase in salary at budget time, or allow him to accept the call which could be to his benefit. It was generally agreed to try to keep him with us.

November 9, 1971

Norman Haugen proposed to put a portion of Marvel's Memorial toward a library.

April 25, 1971

Final payment on repairing church windows and installing storm windows. Cost \$4,435. Motion made to build library and repair old clock.

December 5, 1971

Funerals this year: Herman Mickelson, Mrs. Carl (Julia) Steensrud, Mrs. Norman (Marvel) Haugen, Mrs. Melvin (Lottie) Huset, and Hankel infant. Charge non-members \$30 for use of church. Extra charge for janitor service. Lower voting age from 21 to 18.

May 8, 1972

Accepted bid from Hillmer Building Services for complete job of insulating church attic, repairing roof, painting brick, installing new flashing where needed, and a new roof on Northwest entrance. Paid Hillmer Building Services \$1,957. Confirmands: Ramonda Aeschlimann, Wayne Aeschlimann, Martin Haugen, Sharon Parrell, Mark Schroeder, Laurie Schultz and Ed

Weinberger.

May 14, 1972

New Members: Donald Lehnherr family.
Committee to promote Loyalty Sunday:
Pastor Borgen, Don Schultz, and John
Aeschlimann.

December 3, 1972

Funerals this year: Dena Espeseth,
Lawrence Erickson, and Clarence
Steensrud. Christmas tree committee:
Marlin Barsness, Carroll Page, Rolf
Forshaug. Check into practicality of
carpeting Fellowship Hall. Frederick
Fuller to make periodic inspection of
organ. Church council set up a committee
to have interior of church redecorated with
discussion on steps and entrance. Council
to investigate feasibility of co-signing a
note for Sugar Creek Bible Camp.

March 7, 1973

Committee for redecorating church:
Merton Dauck, Herman Hosely, Marie
Severson. Committee for repairing steps:
James Ludolph, Pastor Borgen, and Grant
Skalet. Raise \$250 quarterly for Sugar
Creek Bible Camp Development Project.

July 23, 1973

Grant Turner to check furnace. All out
defense against "mice."

May 13, 1974

Committee to study possibility of using
released time from school for confirmands'
instruction: David Olson, Jon Urness,
Aldro Johnson, Marge Schlick and
Lorraine Lehnherr.

January 23, 1975

Pastor Borgen asked Council for guidance
as to whether he should accept a call from
another congregation. Results: Don't take
call 20 Take call 3.

November 4, 1975

Test new liturgy for two months. Trial
period beginning January 11, 1976.

December 7, 1975

Trustees to check on sewer system. Zane
Schroeder to check microphone on lectern.
ALCW to compose letter of appeal to
membership for financial support.

January 6, 1976

Al Johnson and Merton Dauck to fix pews
in balcony. Before removing any benches
or pews contact the Ladies. Norm Haugen

to arrange meeting to get a new
addressing machine. Discussed
Bicentennial Celebration. U.S. 200 years
old; Our church 120.

April 12, 1976

Remove bad pews. Dale Tollefson to dig
between church and septic tank to see if a
broken tile could be causing trouble.
Bicentennial Sunday July 4. Sunday
School involved, Jon Urness in charge of
Brass Band, Pastor and Mrs. Borgen
arriving on Sunday morning driving a
team of horses pulling an old surrey. Most
people wore period costumes.

November 8, 1976

Rural Intern Program discussed.
Committee: Sharon Lee, Jon Urness, Patty
Herrling, Dave Olson, David Lindley and
Marge Schlick. Pastor's salary increased
\$600. \$300 for each congregation. Auto
allowance \$200.

December 5, 1976

Baptisms: Sara Jean Mickelson, Jarrid
Keith Kopras, Alice Jean Brusveen.
Confirmed: Todd Aeschlimann, Charles
Hankel, Melinda Hosely, Catherine
Johnson, Allen Schroeder, Karen
Schroeder and Julie Schultz. New
Members: Mrs. James Schultz, Robert
Lickel, Mrs. Jon (Judy) Urness. Two
funerals: Mrs. Alfred (Emma) Everson
and Mrs. Amon (Ida) Brager.

February 27, 1977

Intern Program put to vote. Results: Yes
51, No 28, 2 undecided.

June 7, 1977

Eavespout committee: Dennis Aeschli-
mann, Robert Lickel, Aldro Johnson.
Intern Committee: Selma Lee, Don
Schultz and Philip Skalet. Anyone who
wishes to borrow anything from church
should contact president of Council or
President of ALCW or both.

August 8, 1977

Intern Todd Bell and his wife, Jane, will
arrive August 17. They will live in an
apartment at Selma Lee's.

September 13, 1977

Vermont paid half share of moving
expenses for Vicar Bell. \$55.00

November 7, 1977

Joint Council—Increase Pastor's salary
\$200 per year and car allowance \$100.
Income from the Lutefisk Dinner, \$2,577.

December 4, 1977

Annual Meeting—ENERGY CRISIS—Use basement when necessary. Edith Lickel and Jon Urness will be weather watchers and notify Hjalmer Sveum in time.

December 11, 1977

Special—Increase secretary's wages to \$3.00 per hour.

February 7, 1978

New furnace discussed to heat bathroom and kitchen in order to keep water pipes from freezing. Discussed starting a Brotherhood.

April 12, 1978

Furnace Committee—Dennis Aeschli-mann, Aldro Johnson, Jr., Merton Dauck, Grant Skalet and Carroll Page. Pastor to attend leadership school at University of Colorado July 11 to July 21. Motion made to continue Intern Program. Virginia Urness and Patty Herrling to draw a resolution or amendment concerning associate membership at Vermont Lutheran Church.

June 13, 1978

Ruth Hanson to be our intern for the coming year starting September 1978.

September 13, 1978

125th Anniversary Committee: Donald Schultz, Myrella Wilkins and Grace Skalet.

November 6, 1978

Increase pastor's salary to \$8,000. Rent of parsonage increased from \$75 to \$125 per month.

December 3, 1978

Baptisms this year: Jennifer Jill Schultz, Matthew Edward Lickel, Kyle Allen Severson, David James Watkins, Wendy Marie Kniebuehler. Confirmed: Rick Allen Hosely, Julie Beverly Schultz, Russell Burnett Severson, Scott Martinson. Funerals: Edwin Olson, Anthony Bakken, Mrs. Robert (Annie) Tollefson. Treasurer and Financial secretary to be paid \$75. Speakers to be moved to the side walls. Draw up inserts to the constitution concerning Associate Membership.

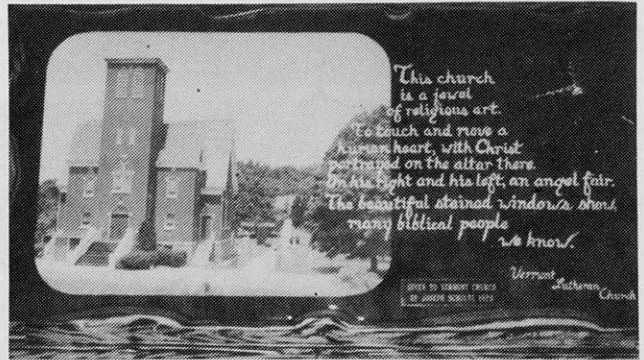
December 12, 1978

William Brager, Mt. Horeb was given contract to install a new furnace to heat bathroom and kitchen. THE NEW BOOK OF WORSHIP can be ordered for \$7.50 before January 31, 1979. After that date,

they will cost \$8.50.

February 6, 1979

LBW ordered on January 29, 1979, at \$7.50 per copy. The order consisted of one organist edition, one organist Hymnal and 100 copies of pew edition. A uniquely beautiful clock was made by Joseph Schultz and presented to Vermont Lutheran Church.



May 1, 1979

Send \$1,000 to American Lutheran Church Benevolence. New furnace installed and working well.

August 7, 1979

James Ludolph has consulted with steeple contractors. Prices are very high.

October 1, 1979

Cost for use of Fellowship Hall set at \$40. Rice should not be thrown in the church or on the steps at weddings.

December 2, 1979

Baptized: Jerrold Oscar Stenli, Eric Christian Voight, Allison Kay Schmitt, Kesha Rae Aeschlimann. Confirmed: Karsten David Haugen, Tony James Ayers, Jerrold Oscar Stenli, James Barlow Herrling, Jeffrey Hankel. Funerals: Mary Lou Mickelson, Edwin Nels Sale, Theodore Wilkins. New Members: Donald Carl Schultz, Mr. and Mrs. Julian Martinson. Pastor Borgen announced that Joyce Guldager would be coming to Black Earth February 1, 1980. Norton Urness will take care of getting Christmas tree.

January 7, 1980

Upon the resignation of Joseph Schultz, Bruce Ludolph has been hired as custodian. Rock-a-thon as a fund raiser for matched fund with Lutheran Brotherhood Dairyland Branch was held at Our Saviours. They raised about \$300. Nineteen rockers participated.

April 3, 1980

Remodeling, painting and decorating basement. Bob Crysler, Madison bid of \$1,464 was accepted. Cal Tollefson to do the carpenter work. Crew worked several evenings and Saturday to tear up and replace the sidewalk west of the church. They also constructed a very attractive flower and shrub bed.

May 6, 1980

Confirmation: Cindy Hankel and Jeff Ludolph.

July 1, 1980

David Dybdahl's bid of \$4,475 for outside

repair work included painting the cross on the tower, the trimming on the tower which he did while lying belly-bumper with his feet fastened to the braces of the cross and his helpers dipping the paint brushes for him, also repairing gutters and painting rest of outside trim. Bell should be tolled for funerals. New Choir gowns are needed.

August 5, 1980

October 18 set for this year's Lutefisk Dinner. Julian Martinson has organized a Dart Baseball game. They are members of a well organized league.



Church officers in the 125th year: Esther Nelson, Joan Skalet, Harald Norslein, Ruth Page, JoAnne Skalet, Grant Skalet, Cal Tollefson, Merton Dauck, Aldro Johnson, Dave Haugen, Paul Skalet and below left, Bev Parrell.

