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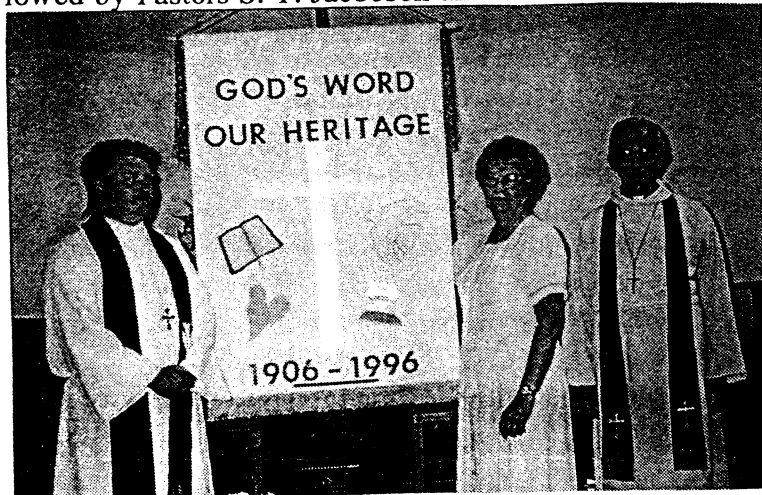
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Skudesnes Lutheran Church 90th Anniversary



On Sunday, July 28, 1996 Skudesnes Lutheran Church, Loreburn, celebrated their 90th anniversary. It was a blessed and joyous occasion. Many members, and former members, friends, and fellow worshippers gathered from near and far with the Skudesnes congregation to glorify God and give Him thanks for His faithfulness and guidance through the past 90 years.

The morning service began with a processional led by Martha Tastad carrying the 90th anniversary banner followed by Pastors S. T. Jacobson and Chris Dean.



The organ and piano prelude "God's Word is Our Great Heritage" was played by Doris Akre and Marilyn Akre. Pastor Chris Dean led the morning worship service and former pastor, Erland Nord read the lessons. Pastor S. T. Jacobson, local pastor, delivered the sermon on the anniversary theme, "God's Word, Our Great Heritage."

Special music was presented by the Jacobson family; Hannah Tastad, daughter of Roger and Laura Tastad; Kathleen McGillvray and Helen Njaa. The opening hymn was "Praise the Lord, the Almighty" and the closing hymn was "Now Thank we all Our God." Other hymns included "Great is Thy Faithfulness" and "God's Word is Our Great Heritage." Pastor Dean closed the morning service with a prayer of thanks and the benediction. Following the morning service the ELW served dinner to approximately 400 guests in the church basement and outdoors in a large tent erected for the day.

Everyone reassembled for the festive afternoon program of music and greetings. Robert Kerney read the scripture taken from Psalm 119. Special music numbers were presented by the Oscar Akre family; a trio by Marilyn Akre, Judy Reed and Gerri Vollmer; the Vollmer family; Allyn and Linda Langager; the Sunday school under the direction of superintendent Judy Brown; and an impromptu choir sang "Beautiful Savior."

Elaine Vollmer introduced all the confirmands from 1906 until the present, acknowledging them by decades. The largest class of 1932 was also recognized, a class of 34 members.

All of the eight children of charter members, Olaus and Lena Akre, were in attendance and were specially recognized. They were Lillian Torgerson, Olga Kerney, Helen Langager, Mildred Joel, Henry Akre, Cecil Akre, Raymond Akre and Oscar Akre.

Written greetings read by Gayleen Vollmer and Glen Vollmer were received from; Bishops Alan Grundahl and Marlin Aadland; Pastors Albert Sandness, Johan Hesje,

David Knudson, Gordon Olson and Kenneth Wilsdon; and missionaries Arlin and Ruth Olson. Helen Stamnes, Marlys Gimondo, Arthur Jacobson and Alison Vollmer also sent greetings.

Those present who brought greetings were former pastors, John Lokken and Erland Nord. Pastor Daryl Olson delivered the afternoon message, reiterating his prayer that Skudesnes congregation continue to be a place where God's word goes forth as a light for our lives. A greeting was also brought by Gordon Book of Elbow.



The Sunday school presented a time capsule which they had prepared and filled with various items to be reopened at the church's 100th anniversary.



The mass choir, under the direction of Sharon Wankel, sang the hymn "Blessed Assurance" and "The Hallelujah Chorus" accompanied by Donna Hundebly and Marg Langager.

Pastor Jacobson closed the service with prayer and the benediction. Everyone gathered under the arch of the cemetery where Pastor Jacobson led the children in prayer before they buried the time capsule and covered it with cement, dated 1996.

The 90th anniversary cake, decorated with Norwegian flags, was served with coffee. A time of reminiscing, visiting and picture taking followed. The guest books were attended by Mervyn and Esther Aadland, Olga and Helen Langager and Aksel and Ruby Chrestensen. Many special floral tributes were displayed at the front of the church and in the cemetery in memory of loved ones, and for special congratulations.

To commemorate this occasion, the old photograph and scrapbook albums were updated along with a display of pictures and maps. Outside the church the Canadian and Norwegian flags were flying.

Skudesnes has been blessed with many sons of the congregation entering the ministry and mission field, namely: Ole K. Olson, Dr. Iver Olson, Ole E. Aadland, Adolph Odland, Dr. S. T. Jacobson, George Strand, Dr. Marlin Aadland, Gordon Olson, Daryl Olson, Christopher Dean and missionary Arlin Olson.

We are thankful to God for our rich Christian heritage and it is our prayer that we in turn will pass it on to future generations.

Skudesnes

"Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads." Deut. 11: 18 NIV

Another week of July Bible camp has come and gone and many have come away with God's word fixed in their hearts and minds. Several from our congregation were able to attend sessions during the week and were willing helpers in the kitchen and around the camp.

As Pastor Jacobson was away on July 21 attending a family gathering, Rev. Lee Schneider from Davidson came to conduct the service and to distribute Holy Communion.

The big event in our church was the 90th anniversary celebration held on July 28. God gave us gorgeous weather that day, so people were able to enjoy visiting and renewing acquaintances in the out - of - doors. A huge tent had been rented. It was well used for serving the food, eating and sitting while visiting. A cold-plate dinner was served. Coffee and cake were served after the afternoon service. Visitors were impressed by the immaculate church and grounds and by the beautiful flower garden. The Vollmer family had purchased a bird bath in memory of their parents which was set in this garden. Many visitors came long distances to be in attendance and we were so pleased to have every one who came. These services truly were a blessing from God.

Pastor Ted has been on holidays. In his absence we had Arnold Alkone (seminary student) lead the service on August 4 and 11. We were pleased that he brought his guitar and sang for us on Sunday. Pastor Merle Snustead came on August 18 and held a Communion service. The ladies served lunch after the services.

The Faith and Dorcas circles met at the home of Martha Tastad in August with Stella Jess leading the study on Psalm 32, The Joy of Forgiveness.

We uplift in prayer all those who are not well; Ted Haugen who has been very ill for several weeks has been admitted to hospital, Phyllis Jacobson who is having radiation treatments, Esther Aadland and Muriel Akre who are having tests, and Lee Cole's mom. It is good to see Olga Langager able to be out and around and to see Byron Tastad able to walk fairly well again. Our thoughts are with all of our friends during their illness.

"May your unfailing love rest upon us, O Lord, even as we put our hope in you." Psalm 33: 22 NIV