

BRINGING GOOD WISHES

From left to right: Dr. S. J. Jacobson, Pastor John Lokken, Pastor Erland Nord & Pastor Daryl Olson. Missing from the photo is Pastor Chris Dean.



Skudesnes marks 90th year

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 procession 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, Our Great Heritage."

Special music was presented by the Jacobson family; Hannah Tastad, daughter of Roger and Laura Tastad; Kathleen McGillivray and Helen Njaa. The opening hymn was "Praise to the

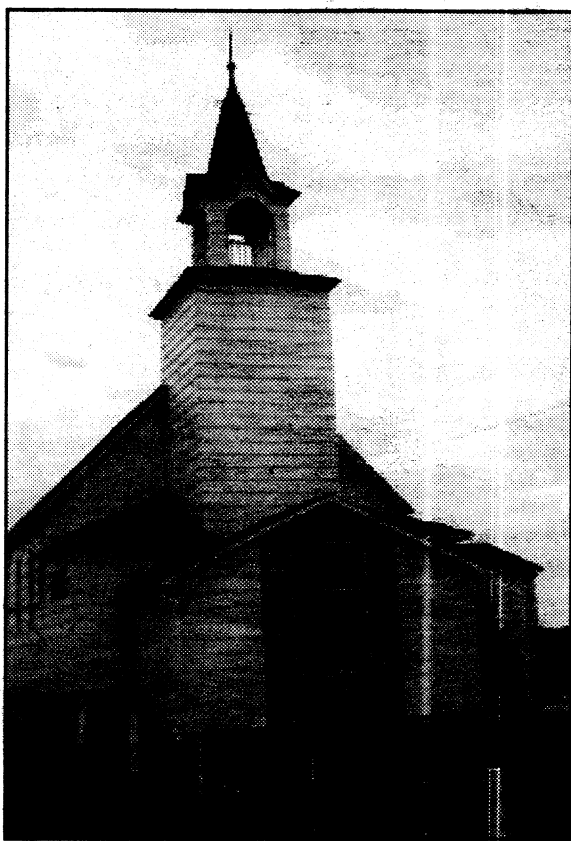
Lord, the Almighty", and the closing hymn was "Now Thank We All Our God." Other hymns included "Great is Thy Faithfulness," and "God's Word is Our Great Heritage." Pastor Dean closed the morning service with a prayer of thanks and the benediction. Following the morning service the ELW served dinner to approximately 400 guests in the church basement and outdoors in a large tent erected for the day.

Everyone reassembled for a festive afternoon program of music and greetings. Robert Kerney read the scripture. Special musical numbers were presented by: 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 Saviour."

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

Written greetings read by Gayleen Vollmer and Glen Vollmer were received from: Bishops Alan Grundahl and Marlin Aadland; Pastors Albert Sandness, Johna Hesje, David Knudson, Gordon Olson, and Kenneth Wilsdon; missionaries Arlin and Ruth Olson. Helen Stamnes and 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



Skudesnes Lutheran Church has been a source of Christian heritage in the Loreburn area for almost a century

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 re-opened at the church's 100th anniversary.

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

Pastor Jacobson closed the service with prayer and 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 the 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.